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RUSSIANS DECLARE GERMANS' PLAN IN POLAND A FAILURE; BLOODY ATTACKS USELESS

Turning of Muscovite Wing at Lowicz Accomplishes Nothing.

SERVIAN KING BRINGS VICTORY

Aged Monarch Addresses Troops on Battlefront When Country's Fate Hangs in Balance and a Glorious Victory Results; Turks are Active.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 12—A Petrograd correspondent says the German plan in Poland has completely failed. His dispatch adds:

"The German plan which consisted of turning the Russian right wing at Lowicz and at the same time completing a similar maneuver on the extreme left, has completely failed.

"The Germans are reduced to making bloody and useless attacks on our front."

GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS FAIL TO RELIEVE CRACOW

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The close of the 19th week of the war finds the stirring operations in the eastern theatre of chief importance.

Since the military headquarters on both sides profess satisfaction with the situation as it affects their armies and are giving outsiders scant opportunities of forming judgment it is difficult to estimate the significance of what is happening. Nevertheless it is now being said by British experts that something went wrong with the timing of the Austro-German march for the relief of Cracow.

The covering columns apparently failed to effect a junction with the result that General Dimitriess, former Bulgarian minister at Petrograd seems to have been able to inflict a sharp reverse on the Teutonic forces by repulsing the individual armies before they had time to concentrate. To the north the capture of Lodz so far as is known had no spectacular sequel.

Military writers in Berlin have warned the public not to base excessive expectation on the capture of Lodz. While the invaders made fierce onslaughts against the Russian lines on Wednesday and Thursday in attempt to break through toward Warsaw they appear to have accomplished little. It is considered possible that the Germans are placing chief reliance on the effort to turn the right flank of the army of Grand Duke Nicholas through the effort of the invading forces which have been pushing forward from Mlawa near the East Prussian border.

FRENCH REPORT SUCCESSES ALL ALONG BATTLEFRONT

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The French official bulletin given out this afternoon says the French troops now occupy the [illegible] bank of the Yser canal. The text follows:

"The enemy has completed the evacuation of the west bank of the Yser canal north of the house of the ferryman and we occupy this bank. In the region of Arras there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Soissons our batteries have silenced the [illegible] of the Germans.

"North east of Vailly one of their batteries of howitzers was destroyed. In the region of Perthes and in the vicinity of the forest Lagrurie, there have been artillery engagements and some infantry fighting resulting favorable to us.

"On the heights of the Meuse the artillery of the enemy showed little activity. On the contrary our artillery demolished at Deusmonds, west of Vigneulles-les-Hattonchatel, two batteries of the enemy, one composed of guns of large calibre and the other used for firing on aviators. In this same region we blew up a blockhouse and destroyed several trenches.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report and in the Vosges there have been artillery fighting. In the region of Senones, we have consolidated the position gained by us the evening before."

"Russia—In the region of Mlawa, violent attacks on the part of the Germans were repulsed and the Russians [illegible] on the offensive [illegible] the enemy retiring in disorder. In the region to the north of Lowicz, ferocious German attacks were everywhere repulsed with heavy losses. In [illegible] south of Cracow the Russian offensive has been continued with success in spite of stubborn resistance.

In Servia, the Servian army which had reached Kolubara river has crossed [illegible] between the Valjevo, which has been occupied by them and the junction of the Ljig.

"To the north they have taken [illegible]. The number of prisoners taken by the Servians in the course of these engagements reaches the total of about 18,000."

SERVIAN KING, AT HEAD OF TROOPS, INSPIRES VICTORY.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The inspiring presence and words of King Peter of Servia are given as the chief cause of the successes recently achieved by the Servian army, says a dispatch from Nish, Servia.

"My Heroes, here is your old king [illegible] come to die with you for the fatherland, for Servia. Let us drive out the enemy." These words, says the dispatch, were pronounced by King Peter before the order for the general attack was given which resulted in the defeat of the Austrians.

The aged king arrived on the battle front at the supreme moment when the country's fate hung in the balance. Mounted on a charger he slowly rode through the Servian line and was everywhere greeted with the wildest enthusiasm. His words, according to the Nish report, had the effect of a train of gunpowder and then the unforgettable battle began before Topla.

GENERAL DANKL IS AUSTRIA'S HOPE IN HER HOUR OF NEED

General DANKL

GERMAN CAVALRY CHARGE RESULTS IN 350 CAPTURED

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The German official statement issued today says:

"On the east Prussian frontier our cavalry repulsed Russian cavalry taking 350 men. South of the Vistula and in Northern Poland our operations are developing.

"In southern Poland Russians attacks have been repulsed by Austro-Hungarian and German troops."

"In Flanders the French yesterday made attacks in the region of Langemark which, however, was repulsed. They lost 300 men in killed and we took 240 prisoners.

"Our artillery bombarded the Ypres railroad station which interfered with the movements of the evening's troops. We have made progress near Arras. French troops again attacked as near Soissons, Perthes, but without success.

POPE'S EFFORTS FOR TRUCE DURING THE HOLIDAYS FAILS

By Associated Press.

ROME, Dec. 12—The Vatican authorities today made public a document setting forth the efforts made by the pope to obtain a truce in the war during the Christmas season. The efforts of the pontiff unfortunately failed "owing to the opposition of a certain power."

The first announcement of an effort on the part of the pope for a truce over the holidays came through the German official press bureau two days ago which then said that Germany was agreeable to this proposal provided all the other powers would agree but it was later announced that Russia had declined this proposal for a limited cessation of hostilities.

NATURALIZED AMERICAN ARRESTED AS WAR SPY.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The police of Geneva, Switzerland, says a dispatch received here, have arrested a naturalized American named Muller who it is alleged organized an important German spy system with ramifications in Lyons and the principal cities of eastern France.

Muller, the dispatch adds, will be tried by court martial.

TURKS BOMBARD RUSSIAN PORT ON THE BLACK SEA.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A dispatch received here from Constantinople by way of Berlin says a Turkish fleet yesterday bombarded the environs of Batum, the Russian seaport on the eastern coast of the Black Sea.

One hundred Russians were killed, and a number wounded by the fire.

DRESDEN TAKES REFUGE IN INLET OFF PATAGONIA.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Valparaiso, Chile, says it is reported that the German cruiser Dresden has taken refuge in an inlet on the coast of Patagonia.

The Dresden is the only vessel of the German squadron which met the British fleet in the South Atlantic December 8 that has not been accounted for.

Great Barracks Burns.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12.—News has been received here that the great Gottorp barracks near Kiel have been completely destroyed by fire.

GRAND JURY HAS CONCLUDED WORK; MAKES A REPORT

Members Take a Collection for the Children's Home.

APPROVE THE IMPROVEMENTS

Endorse Work That is Under Way at the County Home: Voluntary Manslaughter Verdict in Murder Case from Whitsett; Other Verdicts.

Special to The Courier.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 12.—The grand jury has completed its work for the term and presented its report to Judge Umbel at 10 o'clock. The grand jury had a busy week but completed its labors in good time. Among the last bills returned were indictments against the Baltimore & Ohio Short Line and the West Penn for maintaining a nuisance by occupying the county road with a trestle and tracks at Leisenring No. 1. The report of the grand jury follows:

Bills examined	119
True bills returned	92
Bills ignored	25
Bills withdrawn	2
Witnesses examined	276
Road petitions	3

All of the road petitions were approved. They are for new roads in North Union, Franklin and Perry townships. The grand jury approved the improvements now under way at the county home and found affairs there in good shape at the time of the inspection. The jurors deplored the lack of toilet and bath in the children's home and suggested that gas be installed there.

Although not included in the report, the grand jurors took up a collection of $11 which they donated towards a Christmas tree fund for the childrens' home.

There was little progress in criminal court this morning. Joe Gusich, prosecuted for carrying concealed weapons, presented a unique plea. He said he had been in this country less than a year and when he found a revolver he put it in his pocket not knowing what it was. Gusich told the jury he had never seen a revolver before.

Mike Monsour, a merchant, was tried on a charge of false pretense. It was alleged that he failed to transfer an insurance policy when he sold his store to his nephew and when the building burned down he collected the money.

Judge Umbel received a letter today from E. H. Bradley, sentenced for half the costs at the September term when acquitted of assault and battery with intent. The prosecutrix was Nora Custer. Bradley told the judge that he hadn't paid his share of the costs and didn't intend to, although he was awaiting the arrival of the sheriff to take him to jail. He is now living at Layton. Examination of the records developed that his attorney, E. C. Higbee, had already paid the costs due, the money being supplied by a son without Bradley's knowledge.

A compromise verdict finding Steve Sich and Joe Karich guilty of voluntary manslaughter was agreed upon following the completion of testimony offered by the defense yesterday afternoon. The two men were tried for the killing of Andy Nogy, at Whitsett, September 12, during a brawl. District Attorney Shelby in outlining his case to the jury asked for a second degree verdict, but when testimony had been heard the voluntary manslaughter verdict was decided upon.

A motion for a new trial was made in the case of William Warman, found guilty Monday of infidelity.

In the case of Francis Rocks and David Stewart, accused by Herman M. Kephart, of Connellsville with conspiracy, the grand jury ignored the charge.

Jim Martini of New Salem was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs for violating the pure food laws by selling colored pop.

Bruce Donaldson of Mill Run, plead guilty to assault and battery and cutting but has not been sentenced yet.

Mike M. Monsour, charged with false pretense by changing a fire insurance policy, was found guilty. Shortly after the defendant sold his store, the building was burned. It was then discovered the policy had been changed.

Joseph Vufich for carrying concealed weapons was found guilty by a verdict read in court this morning, but was recommended to the extreme mercy of the court.

The defendant averred he found a revolver laying on the sidewalk in Uniontown and had just reached down and picked it up when the officers arrested him. The foreigner had just arrived in this country and stated he never saw a revolver before and did not know what he had found. The jury deliberated over three hours on the case before a verdict was reached. The jury stood 11 to 1 for conviction.

OFFICER IN TRUNK.

Customs Officer Finds German at Gravesend.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A vigilant customs officer at Gravesend today made a sensational capture of a German army officer whom he extricated from hiding in a huge trunk that was about to be shipped to Rotterdam.

COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE BEGINS SESSIONS MONDAY

Enrollment Program Has Been Arranged by Superintendent John S. Carroll This Year.

The sixty-first annual session of the Fayette county teachers institute will convene Monday in Uniontown and will adjourn Friday at noon. The enrollment began today at 9 o'clock at the court house and on Monday at 8:30 o'clock at the West End Theatre. Half the seats will be on sale at the court house and half at the theatre. Any teacher who wishes to enroll for other teachers will present to the enrolling clerk a list of the teachers for whom he wishes to enroll, and each list must be signed by the teacher who presents it. Persons enrolling for other teachers will not be allowed to choose more than three seats in any one section of the theatre, and no teacher will be permitted to enroll for more than five teachers. The opening session will convene at 1.15 P. M.

The instructors are Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, Harrisburg; Dr. H. C. Minnich, of the Miami University, Oxford, O.; P. W. Wright, superintendent of the Uniontown schools, and S. D. Fess of Washington.

The nineteenth annual session of the school directors of Fayette county will be held Wednesday and Thursday in the city hall, Uniontown.

The opening session will convene at 9.30 A. M. The opening address will be made by Charles H. Brooks, president, and Thomas D. Schuyler of Dunbar township will respond. The report of the treasurer and of delegates to the state convention will be given after which the president will appoint his committees.

At the afternoon session Attorney F. E. Younkin, a member of the local school board, and C. B. Franks of Dunbar township will speak. County Superintendent of Schools John S. Carroll will make an address on "How Does Fayette County Educational Standard Compare With Other Counties of the State."

SPELLING BEES HELD

Good Work Done in the Grades and Competition is Keen.

The annual spelling contests held by the pupils of the grammar grades of the local public schools created much enthusiasm among the scholars, who did some excellent spelling.

In the Fourth grades, South Side won from the Third and Second wards; in the Fifth grades, Fourth ward won from South Side; South Side won from the West Side; Third ward won from the Second ward.

In the Sixth grades, Fourth ward won from the West Side and South Side; Second ward won from the Third ward.

In the Seventh grades, South Side won from the Fourth and Second wards; West Side won from Section B the Fourth ward.

In the Eighth grades, Section A, Fourth ward, won from South Side; Section B won from Section C, Fourth ward.

TAKES UP OFFER

West Side Man Sells Lot at Figure Assessors Placed on It.

The first real estate deal under the new assessment figures has been closed between Councilman Duggan and R. W. Allen of the West Side. The two men had been talking about the late assessment and Allen, who had filed an appeal, was complaining about the high valuation that had been placed on a lot belonging to him. Duggan suggested that he would buy it for the valuation price, $1,070, and Allen jumped at the chance.

The deal was closed within ten minutes and $107 was added to the cost of the lot for a concrete walk that had been laid by Mr. Allen. It was formerly owned by Don C. Tarr.

YES SIR! A STRAW HAT

Overcoat and Summer Headgear Worn by Stranger on Streets.

On the twelfth day of December A. D., 1914, when the thermometer was hovering around freezing point and ears were tingling from the effects of the frosty air, there walked up the streets of Connellsville a man attired in an overcoat, heavy shoes, the usual trousers and, so far as is known, the proper lingerie beneath.

That of course is unimportant, but wait, we are now approaching the funny part—he had on a nice, white, tolerably clean, straw hat. He carried a suit case of ancient design and was accompanied by a large thirst, for he spent a large part of the morning in a Main street barroom. To all appearances, the man thought his headgear was perfectly all right.

Has Diphtheria.

Thelma Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boyd of No. 107 Witter avenue, who was taken ill of diphtheria a few days ago, is getting along nicely.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy tonight and Sunday, probably local snows, is the noon weather forecast for Western Pennsylvania.

The Temperature.

	1914	1913
Maximum	38	44
Minimum	26	25
Mean	32	36

The Yough river fell during the night from 2.40 to 2.25 feet.

RED CROSS LAUDS THIS COMMUNITY FOR BELGIAN FUND

Receipt of $556 From Charity Card Party Acknowledged.

WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE FOOD

Letter from Miss Boardman at Washington States That There is Great Need of Things to Eat in Stricken Land; Work is Very Comprehensive.

The sum of $556, realized at the charity card party in the armory some weeks ago by society women of Connellsville and adjacent towns, has been acknowledged by Mabel T. Boardman of the American Red Cross at Washington.

In a letter to Mrs. J. A. Childs of Pleasant Level farm, Miss Boardman expresses the sincere thanks of the Red Cross.

"Very many thanks for the generous contribution of $556 for the Belgian relief work," she writes. "The Red Cross has sent a large quantity of blankets, shawls and warm clothing for women and children to the Belgian Relief Committee in Europe for these poor people. It has also sent $10,000 to help those in Holland as that brave little country is doing all it can to aid her suffering neighbors.

"At present there seems to be this great demand for food, so we will to use this generous donation for the purchase of food supplies.

"I am delighted to know of the interest aroused in the Red Cross. We have sent 189 surgeons and nurses to Europe where they are doing splendid work, and we are sending every week shipments of quantities of hospital supplies, which we learn by cable are desperately needed."

FINDS SPEECHLESS MAN

Foreigner Believed Suffering From Starvation Sent to Jail.

An unknown foreigner, aged about 30 years, believed to be speechless from starvation, was found wandering about the Baltimore & Ohio railroad shops shortly after dark last evening. He was given shelter in the shops from the cold and snow, and this morning was escorted to the city hall where attention of the case was called to the city officials.

All efforts to induce the man to talk failed and at first he was thought demented. Mayor Marietta ordered Policeman Gance to secure the unfortunate fellow a steaming breakfast in the hope that his speech might return.

The wanderer will be sent to the county jail for ten days. Because his residence was unknown the officials could not send him to the county home.

Before leaving for the county jail last evening Charles McBride, the violinist sentenced to serve thirty days by Mayor Marietta for disorderly conduct, left an interesting letter for the city's chief executive. An itemized account of all moneys earned by the musician during the last month was stated, together with the names and addresses of a number of his wealthy relatives. McBride censured the mayor for reprimanding him before the bar.

CATTLE BAN LIFTED

Fayette and 14 Other Counties are Released from Quarantine.

Fifteen counties, including Fayette and Somerset, have been released from the quarantine established by the State Live Stock Board because of the foot and mouth disease among cattle and swine.

The disease did not appear in this county, but in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties, where herds of cattle were infected, the quarantine is still in effect.

All counties in Pennsylvania are released except Adams, Allegheny, Beaver, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Cumberland, Delaware, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Westmoreland and York.

The disease is rapidly being stamped out throughout the state, through the strict quarantine measures.

WALL STREET BUSY.

Governors Approve 192 Issues for Trading.

By Associated Press.

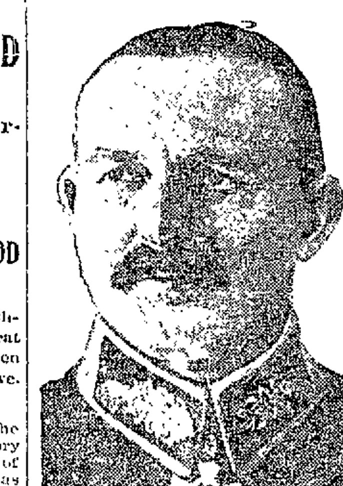
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Wall Street came into its own today. The Stock Exchange, closed for nearly four and a half months, for limited trading in bonds for the last two weeks, was reopened at 10 o'clock this morning for active trading in stocks.

One hundred and ninety-two issues were approved by the governors for trading and though other issues were barred, notably United States Steel, activity on the floor of the exchange revived memories of big days ten years ago.

Condition Improved.

The condition of A. R. Colbert, Baltimore & Ohio night baggageman, who was injured yesterday morning, is improved today.

GENERAL VON STEIN IS QUARTERMASTER OF GERMAN ARMY



GENERAL VON STEIN

WARNS AGAINST BEGGARS

Salvation Army Head Says There Is No Need for Street Soliciting.

Residents of Connellsville are warned by Captain Harrison of the local Salvation Army Corps against beggars, especially children, who come to the city from surrounding towns and ask for money and clothing. He says the money often goes for luxuries such as candy and the nickelodeons while the clothing is sold.

With the establishment of a bureau of charity by the union of the Elks, Eagles and Moose, beside the Salvation Army, there is no need of paupers begging on the streets and rapping at doors, according to the statement of Captain Harrison today.

The Salvation Army here is in need of a building in which they may place cots in order to care for the homeless seeking a place to sleep. Should the building be procured, residents would be provided with tickets, each being good for a bed and something to eat at the army headquarters. Tramps and beggars could be handed these tickets following their rap and plea at back doors for food. For the small fee of ten cents travelers would be kept in the building over night and given a bowl of nourishing soup in the morning. Those who could not afford a dime would be asked to chop wood for an hour and earn their lodging.

URGES MORE AIRCRAFT

Chief of Aeronautical Bureau Asks for 200 Aeroplanes.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Two hundred naval air craft, 100 for active service and 100 to be held in reserve, are urgently needed by the United States navy in its plans for national defense as outlined in recommendations of Captain M. L. Bristol, chief of the aeronautical bureau of the Navy Department to the House naval committee, made public today.

Captain Bristol's recommendations are contained in a supplemental statement laid before the committee. Other testimony of Captain Bristol already has been made public. It would require an appropriation of $2,200,000 to bring the aeronautical branch of the navy up to a proper standard of efficiency, the captain told the committee.

TWO ARE ARRESTED

They Are Held For Hearing in Brass Theft Charges.

Clyde and Albert Huston, of the West Side, have been arrested and lodged in the lockup to await a hearing this afternoon before Alderman Fred Munk, charged with stealing a quantity of brass from Contractor S. J. Harry, who had his machines stored in a large building on First street. Sometime Thursday night thieves managed to elude the watchman and make off with a large amount of brass, valued at $100. The machines from which the golden colored parts were taken were very costly.

Patrolman Washabaugh, after investigating, arrested one of the Huston boys last evening while the other brother was picked up this morning by Chief of Police Bowers.

$400,000 FIRE

Big Drygoods Store in Birmingham, Ala., Destroyed

By Associated Press.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 12.—Fire here early today destroyed a five-story building occupied by the Steele-Smith Drygoods Company, causing a loss estimated at $400,000.

Falling walls did $20,000 damage to a moving picture theatre and another drygoods store nearby.

PICTURES OF HUNT.

Stanley Jackson Gets Photos of Bear He Killed.

Stanley Jackson has received a number of pictures taken during his recent hunting trip in Centre county. Prominent on them is the big black bear which Mr. Jackson killed.

John Curry of this city was also a member of the party.

JOHN KURTZ DIES AT 88; LIVED IN CITY ALL HIS LIFE

Member of Family Long Identified With Connellsville Affairs.

SERVED TERM AS BURGESS

Learned Hatter's Trade in His Father's Factory When a Youth but Engaged in the Mercantile Business in Later Years; Family of Fighters.

John Kurtz, one of Connellsville's oldest and best known citizens, died early this morning at his home at the corner of Pittsburg street and Crawford avenue, following a brief illness which resulted from a fall about two weeks ago. He was 88 years old. Mr. Kurtz suffered a slight stroke following this apparently trivial mishap but was not compelled to take his bed until Wednesday of this week. He was conscious to the last.

Mr. Kurtz was born in Connellsville and lived his life here. He came of a distinguished family, one that has been prominent in civic and business affairs for several generations. He also came from a family of fighters, being one of four brothers, all of whom saw service in the Civil War. He was a brother of William F. Kurtz, who fell at Fredericksburg and in whose honor the local G. A. R. post is named.

Three generations of the Kurtz family have served from time to time as burgess of Connellsville. Josiah Kurtz, his father, was burgess in 1831. Fifty years later, in 1881, John Kurtz was elected to that position, while his son, Josiah B. Kurtz, served as burgess in 1892, 1894, 1896 and from 1900 to 1902. John Kurtz's career as an officeholder was confined to his single term as burgess. His father was first elected to office in 1826, when he was named borough treasurer. He was in the town council in 1833 and again in 1867, and was treasurer in 1874 and 1876.

Josiah and Elizabeth Kurtz, parents of John Kurtz, were natives of Somerset, coming to Connellsville about 1825. John Kurtz was their oldest child. He was born in Connellsville, on the site of the Stader building, at the corner of Main street and Meadow Lane, on October 7, 1826. There were seven children in the family, four of whom are still living. All four of the sons of Josiah Kurtz served in the Civil War. They were William F. Kurtz, Henry Kurtz, Samuel Kurtz, who died about five years ago, and John Kurtz. John Kurtz enlisted in 1865 and served for nine months in the Sixth Heavy Artillery. The sisters who are still living are Mrs. Carrie Stillwagon, Miss Ellen Kurtz and Mrs. Christina Kilpatrick, wife of Worth Kilpatrick.

On January 1, 1850, John Kurtz married Miss Catherine Keepers. She died in 1910. Five children were born to this union, Josiah B. Kurtz, of Connellsville, Isaac W. Kurtz of Fern, Ind., Harry L. Kurtz of Pittsburg, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Freed of town, and J. Charles Kurtz, who died a few years ago. John Kurtz is also survived by a single grandchild, Miss Frances K. Freed.

Josiah Kurtz was a hat manufacturer and had an extensive business in the early days of the borough. His factory and store occupied what is now the Stader building, on Main street. Although John Kurtz learned the hatter's trade at an early age, he never followed it to any great extent, spending most of his time in the store. He remained in business until about 1900. The hats made by Josiah Kurtz had a wide reputation. They were sold in all parts of the country, and not infrequently shipments were made to Cincinnati and other points by boat, the Youghiogheny being navigable in those times.

In addition to his duties in the store which he conducted, John Kurtz was also a notary public and conveyancer. It is said that he has probably written more wills than any man in Connellsville. For many years he was practically the only man to whom such matters were taken. He also engaged rather extensively in the realty business.

For the past several years Mr. Kurtz had been in feeble health. He came down town regularly, however, and was a familiar figure. He invariably wore a high silk hat, which seemed incongruous only to the younger generation. Mr. Kurtz was probably the best known of the older residents of town, and was highly respected by all. Since the death of his wife in 1910 he and his son, Josiah B. Kurtz, continued to make their home in the South Pittsburg street residence. This dwelling was erected about 12 years ago, following the sale of the Kurtz property on East Main street to the Elks. They had resided on Main street about 30 years, prior to that sale, moving to there from the home in the downtown section.

Mr. Kurtz was member of General Worth Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He had been a member of the Odd Fellows for 40 years and they will have charge of the funeral services, which will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home. Rev. G. L. C. Richardson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. T. H. Pershing, a former pastor, will officiate. Interment will be private in Chestnut Hill cemetery. Mr. Kurtz was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years.

SOCIETY.

Christmas Entertainment

The Carnegie Free Library hall was filled to its utmost capacity yesterday afternoon with school children who were attracted by a Christmas entertainment at [illegible] 3.30 o'clock. The [illegible] took the place of the children's story hour, and was enjoyed immensely by the youngsters. Fully five hundred children attended. The program included a Christmas recitation and song by Little Marian and Mildred Salaway, a delightful Mother Goose play, ably presented by 15 children from room No. 3 of the Fourth Ward school, taught by Miss Mabel Stillwagon, and Victrola selections, the records being [illegible] by Paul McDonald. At one end of the stage was an attractively decorated Christmas tree and following the entertainment the children [illegible].

Culture Club to Meet.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Woman's Culture Club will be held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. O. Schoonover on Crawford avenue.

Japanese Tea.

The Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren church held a Japanese tea and White Elephant [illegible] last evening in the lecture room of the church. The affair was well attended and met with great success.

Successful Supper and Bazaar.

The annual chicken and waffle supper and bazaar held Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening in the dining room of the Trinity Lutheran church was a grand success. The supper was in charge of the Ladies' Aid Society while the King's Daughters had charge of the bazaar. The display of fancy work was unusually large and handsome and from this [illegible] a neat sum was realized. The [illegible] in charge of the supper were kept busy serving the crowds both evenings.

W. C. T. U. to Meet.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet Wednesday afternoon at the Carnegie Free Library.

Rebekahs Will Meet.

At the regular meeting of the Edna Rebekah Lodge to be held Tuesday evening arrangements will be made for the removal into their new Temple. All members are urged to attend.

Parlor Meeting.

A parlor meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs M. W. Alter and Mrs. Arthur Gloffelty on Ninth street, Greenwood.

Club Will Present Play.

At a meeting of the I. C. Musical and Literary Club held last evening in the Parochial school, W. A. O'Brien read a play, "Why Smith Left Home," which is to be presented by the club in the near future.

Society Elects Officers.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at a meeting of the Christian Endeavor [illegible] of the Christian church held [illegible] at the home of Miss [illegible] on Carnegie avenue: President, Harry [illegible]; vice president, Miss Helen Norris; secretary, Miss Nelle Colborn; treasurer, [illegible]; pianist, Miss Esther [illegible]. Twenty-two members attended. A social hour was held and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Rev. C. C. Lockner on Race street.

Party at Leisenring.

About forty guests attended an enjoyable party held Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Cecelia Haines of Leisenring. Games were played and music was rendered by John Francis. Dainty refreshments were [illegible].

C. E. Society Meets.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Methodist Protestant Church met [illegible] evening at the home of C. V. Snider on [illegible] Main street and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Roy Hetzel; vice president, [illegible] Smith; recording secretary, Miss Gertrude Sembower; corresponding secretary, Miss Virginia Herbert; treasurer, Mrs C. V. Snider; [illegible], Miss Alice Herbert. Refreshments were served.

Annual Procession.

The annual procession of the Holy Name Peoples Society will be held tomorrow evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Immaculate Conception Church. About 15 [illegible] members will be received.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Edward Letzkus of Baltimore, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise [illegible] Letzkus to William R. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, of [illegible]. Miss Letzkus is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Straub, and has frequently visited here.

Will Confer Degree.

Grand Chancellor Benjamin Moore will visit Wilson Lodge No. 1, Uniontown, this evening to confer the [illegible] degree on all past chancellors present who have not already had the rank conferred upon them. [illegible] lodges from Fayette county [illegible] about 35 members from [illegible] Lodge No. 249, Connellsville, will attend.

L. C. B. A. Elects Officers.

At the regular meeting of the L. C. B. A. held Wednesday in the Parochial school the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Mrs. Mary Cresdon; first vice president, Mrs. Clementina [illegible]; second vice president, Mrs. [illegible]; recording secretary, Mrs. M. J. [illegible]; financial secretary, Mrs. [illegible]; and treasurer, Mrs. [illegible].

Dawson Reception.

The Philathea Class of the Sunday school of the Cochran Memorial Church of Dawson, taught by [illegible], [illegible] reception last night [illegible] [illegible]

Dawson Surprise Party.

[illegible] of handsome and [illegible]

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useful gifts. Refreshments were served.

Oyster Supper.

The young men of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church served an oyster supper last night in the church. It was well patronized and quite a nice sum was realized. The Sunday school class of Mrs. A. C. Herbert was in charge of a home-made candy table.

NAMES HIS COMMITTEES

President Hays Apportions The Work of the School Board

Notices of the appointment of committees for the new year were sent out yesterday to members of School Board by C. W. Hays, the new president. Mr. Hays originally announced his intention of allowing the committees to stand as they were last year but when it was pointed out at the meeting Monday night that this would eliminate F. E. Younkin, former president, from serving, he decided on a revision.

The only change is in the finance committee, where C. H. Balsley is made chairman in place of Lloyd J. Shaw, with C. R. Hetzel and F. E. Younkin as the other members.

The other committees are:

Supply: Lloyd J. Shaw, C. R. Hetzel, J. R. Davidson.

Property: J. R. Davidson, Lloyd J. Shaw, R. K. Long.

Grievance: R. K. Long, F. E. Younkin, and C. H. Balsley.

Library: J. R. Davidson, Lloyd J. Shaw, C. R. Hetzel.

Sinking fund: C. W. Hays, Lloyd J. Shaw (one to be elected).

A special meeting of the board will be held this afternoon to consider some financial matters.

OFFICERS NAMED

Wm. F. Kurtz Post Will Hold Installation Next Month.

Officers to be installed on January 8 to serve for the ensuing year in William F. Kurtz Post No. 104 G. A. R., were elected at a meeting held in the city hall last evening. A committee of five were appointed to arrange for the commemoration of the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, and Decoration Day, May 30.

W. P. Clark, colonel commander, Smith Dawson, senior vice commander, E. Dunn, junior vice commander, Lloyd Johnson, officer of the day, J. R. Balsley, chaplain; John Reagan, sergeant; Henry Kurtz, quartermaster; A. Herbert, officer of the guard, J. J. Barnhart, quartermaster sergeant.

Those who will serve on the committee appointed are: W. P. Clark, J. J. Barnhart and E. Dunn of the Post, and J. N. Leche and Lloyd Shaw of the Sons of Veterans.

WILDER WILL RESIGN

Press of Business Causes South Connellsville Councilman to Quit.

John Wilder president of the South Connellsville town council, has announced that he will resign from that body after the first of the year, because of the press of other business which makes it impossible for him to attend to the duties of the position.

A special meeting of the council will be held tonight to consider a list of exonerations from taxes for 1912 and 1913 with Charles Puelgraf, tax collector.

The controversy that resulted from the appointment of a patrolman by Burgess Samuel Lee after council had elected Norval Morgan, has been settled Morgan being in office. Lee's appointment was based on an ordinance giving the burgess the right to appoint a special officer for two days whenever he thinks it necessary. "Dade" Hartman, appointed by Lee, served two days.

TRAINS TAKEN OFF

Numbers 9 and 10 West of Pittsburg Discontinued.

After making the run from Baltimore to Chicago this evening trains No. 9 and 10 of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will be discontinued between Pittsburg and Chicago. This train has been making the trip between the two cities for 16 years, but will end up its run tonight.

The run between Baltimore and Pittsburg will be continued but the extra coach that has been carried from Baltimore to make connections with a Cleveland branch will be discarded also.

The Tarod tower on the Pittsburg division has been closed, and the operator, Charles S. Driscoll, has been transferred to Bessemer.

NEW LINE READY.

Temporary Main Across Bridge Completed Last Night.

After working all night the water company [illegible] finished connections for the [illegible] main across the [illegible] [illegible] the old line is [illegible]

[illegible]

Read The Daily Courier.

MRS. FULLER PASSES AWAY

Perryopolis Mourns Death of One of Its Loved Women.

Mrs. Margaretta Coleman Fuller, wife of A. M. Fuller of Perryopolis, and one of the best known and most highly respected women of that vicinity, died at her home at Perryopolis at 5 o'clock last evening following a three weeks' illness of Bright's disease. Death was not unexpected for her condition became critical yesterday. Deceased was active in church and philanthropic activities and her Christian character endeared her to all.

Mrs. Fuller is survived by her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Carnene, of Dungeness, Fla., and Miss Frances Coleman of Oakland, Cal., and one brother, William Coleman, also of Oakland, Cal. Two children Florence Marguerite Fuller and George Fuller died several years ago. Florence Marguerite Fuller was a victim of the Windsor Hotel fire, New York, in March, 15 years ago.

In her memory Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have provided pound boxes of candy each Christmas to the children of Perryopolis, the candy being distributed through the various Sunday schools. Mr. Fuller recently ordered 4,400 pounds of candy to be distributed this year and the candy has already been shipped for the annual distribution Christmas eve. George Fuller, the only son, died ten years ago.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home at Perryopolis. Rev. A. N. Slayton, rector of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, will officiate at the services and a choir from St. Peter's Church will sing. Interment will be in Mount Washington cemetery, Perryopolis. The funeral will be private.

HERMAN L. BAER DIES

President of Somerset Bar Association Succumbs at Age of 86.

Special to The Courier.

SOMERSET, Dec. 12.—Herman L. Baer, president of the Somerset County Bar Association, died this morning. He had been ill for some time past. Mr. Baer was 86 years old.

Born in Berlin, Somerset county, on March 23, 1828, Mr. Baer attended the common schools of the county. He later was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and studied law in the office of his brother, William J. Baer, later a Judge of Somerset county and who founded the town of Ursina. Mr. Baer was admitted to the bar in 1856.

Herman L. Baer was a brother of George F. Baer, who at the time of his death last summer was president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and a commanding figure in the financial and railway world.

Four children survive Herman L. Baer. They are Mrs. George R. Scull of Somerset, Hermanus L. Baer of New York, who married Miss Mabel McKinley, a niece of President William McKinley, and Reuben and George Baer, both at Healdsburg, California.

Mrs. Mary Kobacker.

A cablegram has been received here announcing the death of Mrs. Mary Kobacker at her home in Kovno, Russia. The cause of death was not stated. Mrs. Kobacker was the wife of Isaiah Kobacker and was about 74 years old.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: H. Kobacker, Mrs. B. Zackhouser, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. J. Grodzin, Connellsville; Mrs. Theodore Israel, Fort Wayne, Ind., Mrs. A. M. Ospess, of Dayton, O.; Morris Kobacker and Joseph L. Kobacker, both of Toledo, O., and Mrs. M. Glickman of Kovno, Russia. She was the grandmother of Alfred and Jerome Kobacker, both of Connellsville.

PRETTY THINGS FOR XMAS.

Connellsville Stores Are Brimming Over With Them.

No need to go out of town to make your selections. Shop here and shop early. You'll get better service and a wider choice. Speaking of gifts, savings accounts are always in order as presents to children, and the old, reliable First National is the best place to open them. A dollar will place a savings account pass-book under the breakfast plate of any little child you wish to remember in this way on Christmas morning.—Adv.

ORGANIZING CHURCH

Italian Priest Forming Catholic Congregation Here.

An effort to organize an Italian Catholic church in Connellsville is being made by Rev. Father Henry DeVirro who recently came to this place from New York City.

Rev. DeVirro has been working among the Italians since Monday and has met with considerable success.

Curfew Earlier.

Burgess Samuel Lee of South Connellsville, has instructed Patrolman Morgan to sound the curfew at 8:30 instead of 9 o'clock each night during the winter.

Will Elect Officers.

The Catawba Tribe No. 20, Order of Iroquois, will meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Moose hall to nominate and elect officers.

PERSONAL.

Soisson theatre today—"Ten Nights in a Barroom," two reels. "The Heiress an the Crook." "The Groom's Doom," "The Tricky Flunkey." Big bill. Five and 10 cents.—Adv.

Mrs. Kennedy Porter of Fair [illegible] was the guest of relatives here yesterday.

Miss Harriet Clark of Crawford avenue is the guest of Miss Alice Horner of Uniontown today.

Mrs. W. O. Schoonover went to Pittsburg this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goldberg of McKeesport are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Goodman of East Fairview avenue.

Mrs. D. B. Purinton announces her sale of hand painted china at Robinson's Flower Shop, 104 South Pittsburg street on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 15th, 16th, and 17th.—Adv.

Mrs. Nannie Yoankin of Baltimore returned home today after a visit with relatives here and at Smithfield.

Mrs S. E. Frock of Uniontown was the guest of Mrs. Lida Percy today.

H. L. Piersol, of the West Side, was in Uniontown on business yesterday.

T. R. Dejarmon, of Dawson, was a business caller in town yesterday.

Misses Olive and Edna Lynch, of Youngwood, are visiting at the home of Miss Edith McKee of the West Side.

Mrs. W. P. Clark and Miss Nora Shellenberger, the latter of Brownsville, members of the Fayette County Mothers' Pension Fund, went to Layton this morning to investigate the conditions of several applicants.

CANAL HITS RAILROADS

Competition of Waterway Already Felt, Says Southern Pacific Head.

According to William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Company, competition between the trans-continental railroads and the steamship companies using the Panama canal has already made itself felt. Mr. Sproule says:

"The tonnage from California to the Atlantic seaboard by sea and rail combined in August, September and October, 1913, was 120,000. Of this railroads got 67,000 tons, or 56 per cent, and the sea carriers got 53,000 tons, or 44 per cent. For the same period in 1914, the total tonnage was 170,000. Of this, the railroads got 67,000 tons, or 39 per cent and the sea carriers got 103,000, or 61 per cent."

It was assumed in advance that the steamship lines would reach out successfully for bulk cargoes and imperishable foodstuffs both within the past week, one of the largest steamship companies has announced that it is in the market for fruit and vegetables, heretofore shipped by rail in refrigerated cars. This class of tonnage has been one of the most valuable revenue producers the railroads have had.

ANOTHER NEGRO LYNCHED

Louisiana Mobs Have Hung Eight So Far This Year.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 12.—The total of illegal hangings in this parish in the last year reached eight with the confirmation of the lynching of Watkins Lewis, reported last night.

Three of the eight negroes who met death at the hands of mobs were hanged yesterday. Five had been lynched in the last ten days.

Lewis was taken from the Caddo parish jail shortly before midnight and put to death as a result of the murder of Charles Hicks, postmaster at Sylvester, La., for which crime Tobe Lewis and Monroe Dirden were lynched last week. Seven of the eight negroes were charged with killing white men and one with attacking a white woman.

PROVISIONS SCARCE.

Agents of Germany Admit Food Shortage.

Associated Press Correspondence.

COPENHAGEN, December 12.—Agents of the commissary department of the Germany army, who are here purchasing supplies, admit that Germany's shortage in some respects is serious. They state that Germany would be glad to release all prisoners of war because of the difficulty of providing supplies for them.

The agents find their task here made difficult by the Danish prohibition against export of many articles. They have succeeded, however, in purchasing large quantities of meat, which may still be exported to Germany. They would like to get a million pairs of boots and shoes, but the list of prohibitions includes all articles made of leather or hide.

NEW DORMITORY.

Indiana Normal's New $40,000 Dormitory to Open Soon.

A new $40,000 dormitory for girls will be opened at the Indiana Normal School, January 5, which will be the fifth new building added in the last five years.

The attendance this year is the largest in the school's history and numbers 1,100 students. During the last few years the conditions at the school have been crowded but with the new dormitory, provisions will be ample for accepting more girl students. The property of the school, land, buildings and equipment is valued at more than $1,000,000.

TO LECTURE ON WAR.

Holland Newspaperman Here to Discuss the European Conflict.

Lieutenant Gottfried Rodriguez, a Holland newspaperman, will lecture on the European War at the Empire Theatre on Monday and Tuesday [illegible].

Lieutenant Rodriguez left that country six years ago. [illegible] a walking trip around the world [illegible] [illegible] inside incidents of the war. A handsome big St. Bernard dog is his constant companion.

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Christian Church, Perryopolis

The subject for tomorrow morning's service in the Perryopolis Christian Church will be "Man's Greatest Discovery" and in the evening at 7:30 the pastor will speak on "Christian Union." Sunday school will be held at 10 a. m. During the week the special revival services will be continued. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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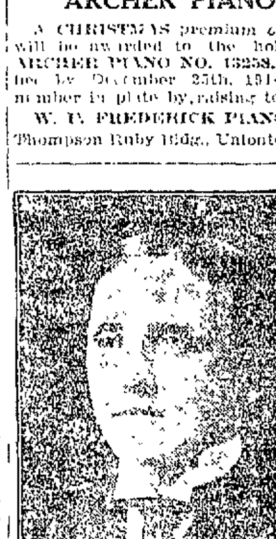

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MOUNT PLEASANT

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 12.—A Sunday school convention of District No. 8 was held in the Church of God yesterday afternoon and evening. [illegible] services began at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. W. J. [illegible] of [illegible]. This was followed by the child and the Sunday school conference by Mrs. G. H. Thomas of [illegible]. Rev. J. H. [illegible] of Youngwood then took up the teacher training and discussed it. The conference found him at the [illegible] held [illegible] County President John C. [illegible]. This was followed by the business session and the election of officers which resulted as follows: President Rev. J. J. [illegible]; vice president, [illegible] Weaver; secretary and treasurer, John Sayers; superintendent of [illegible] Bible classes, J. J. Workman; superintendent teacher training, [illegible]; superintendent elementary division, Miss [illegible] Patterson; superintendent secondary division, Mrs. J. O. Anderson; superintendent home department, Mrs. L. M. Huston; superintendent temperance department, Mr. J. [illegible]; superintendent of missionary department, Mrs. J. S. Shaw; and superintendent of rural work, Miss Verda [illegible]. At the [illegible] each school had their duly elected delegates. In the evening they met at each Sunday school in town and marched in a body headed by a drum corps to the church, making the crowd of the evening very large. The program for the evening was devotional services by Rev. A. T. [illegible] of the [illegible] Presbyterian Church; echoes from the boys [illegible] Ralph Kuhn, William Snyder, James [illegible], John [illegible], Charles [illegible] and Byron [illegible]; special music by the [illegible] of the Church of God; missions in the Sunday school by Rev. R. C. [illegible] and organized class work in community service by the president, John C. [illegible].

The public schools closed down yesterday for the three weeks mid-winter vacation.

The school children who will [illegible] at the community Christmas tree will meet at the [illegible] armory at [illegible] o'clock Wednesday afternoon to practice.

The Mind Up Club have invitations out for their fourth annual matinee [illegible] held in the armory on Christmas afternoon. The hours are from [illegible] o'clock. Kiferle's six piece orchestra of Connellsville will furnish the music.

[illegible]

SMITHFIELD.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 12.—[illegible]

[illegible]

"PILOT OF TADOUSAC" IS HOME TALENT HIT

Second Presentation of Miss Florence Goldsmith's Operetta Shows Marked Improvement.

The second performance of "The Pilot of Tadousac," Miss Florence Goldsmith's operetta, was given to a large audience in the [illegible] Theatre last night. The city's best talent was included in the cast and the interpretations of the roles were all that could be asked.

There was a distinct improvement in many respects over the premiere of last spring. Since that time the text was revised and the music orchestrated by an expert. Kiferle's orchestra played the charming melodies excellently. There were some who said that the music alone, played by a competent orchestra, was worth the price of admission.

Miss Martha Eaton again sang the principal role of Marie in good voice, though an announcement was made before the curtain rose that she was suffering with a severe cold. Her stage presence was good. William [illegible] as Eric, her lover, was acceptable.

John Brown, as the pilot, again demonstrated that he is one of the city's best amateur thespians. He acted and sang well.

Miss Rose Davis of Uniontown, a newcomer in the cast, was pretty and vivacious as Lena, and her singing had a decided charm to it.

Miss Sarah Rosenblum as Mellissa had the principal comedy role and the was a decided hit assisted by Edgar Kintner as Rev. Hardnutt. Other speaking parts fell into the capable hands of Louis Wooster of Scottdale as Harold, Harry Loudon as Pierre, Clarence Graft as Charles, Gerald [illegible] as Allan, Mary Thomas as Mabel and Naomi Rosenblum as Lottie.

Two interesting exhibitions of the new dances were given, one in each act by Miss Wilma MacDowell and Wendell Howard of Uniontown.

In the chorus were Marjorie Morton, Margaret Lyon, Fern Gant, Dorothy Russell, Margaret Stillwagon, [illegible] Featherman, Florence MacDowell, Camilla Munk, W. J. Brooks, W. P. Sherman, Edgar Horner, Fred Kelly and J. Horwitz.

The opera was produced under the direction of Mrs. Amelia [illegible] Donovan of Pittsburg.

DAWSON

DAWSON, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Harry McDonald was a Connellsville caller yesterday.

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INDIAN CREEK

INDIAN CREEK, Dec. 12.—[illegible]

[illegible]

PERRYOPOLIS.

PERRYOPOLIS, Dec. 12.—[illegible]

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Steel Exports Fall Off.

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DUNBAR

DUNBAR, Dec. 12.—C. F. Wilson was a business caller in Uniontown on Thursday.

The new Courier subscribers that hold orders for kitchen sets will please call at once and get them as we don't expect to handle them after Dec. 20.

Mrs. John Wishart, formerly of this place, but now of Connellsville, was admitted to the South Side Private Hospital, where she will undergo an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Riley returned home from a month's stay in Wheeling, W. Va.

Wallace [illegible], the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], met with a painful accident while going home from school Tuesday evening, falling on the icy pavement and fracturing his arm.

Mrs. [illegible] McQuiggen was a visitor at the home of Mrs. K. K. Kramer in Connellsville yesterday.

Miss Edna [illegible] spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. J. H. [illegible] of Alverton.

Walker Reynolds of Uniontown and daughter Mary were visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Reynolds.

The Christmas bazaar and food sale to be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in the Mrs. Dora Strout store room in the afternoon and evening of December 12. [illegible] cake and coffee will be served.

Antonio [illegible] was a business caller in Connellsville Friday.

H. G. Morgan, a prominent hay dealer of Pittsburg, was transacting business here yesterday.

[illegible] Driscoll of Connellsville was looking after business interests here today.

The [illegible] Bible Class was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Edna Mineard. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Inez [illegible].

S. A. [illegible] of Pittsburg, who represents the Gazette Times, was a business caller here Friday.

Mrs. William Kelly and Mrs. Ophelia [illegible] visited here Friday.

Miss Mabel [illegible] returned home tonight from California Normal where she is a student.

Mrs. A. Pufano and Mrs. A. Hurst were Connellsville visitors today.

The Dunbar borough schools closed Friday for a two weeks vacation.

James McPartland of Connellsville was transacting business here Friday.

[illegible] dinner Friday night. The guests were J. H. Hazlett, J. H. Edwards, [illegible] Henderson, Hugh Miller and John Shallenberger [illegible].

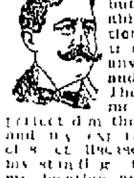
The bazaar and chicken supper of the Presbyterian Church was well attended and a financial success. The display of handwork was pretty and reasonably priced.

VANDERBILT.

VANDERBILT, Dec. 12.—Rev. [illegible] of Mount Pleasant will preach in the First Liberty Church of God on Sunday, December 13 at 3 o'clock. All are invited.

The teachers of the Vanderbilt schools entertained the directors at [illegible]

MEN'S NOTICE



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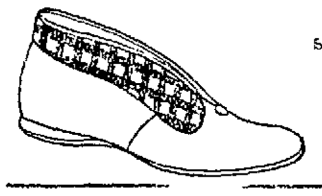

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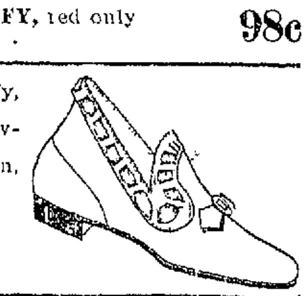

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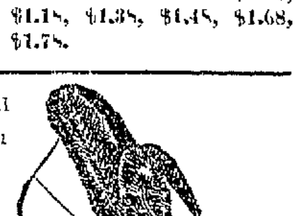

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—and isn't a "Men's Store" the most logical place to find things.

That Please Men

EASY TO GIVE HIM A SUIT OR OVERCOAT.

Perhaps you are wondering how we can fit him without his knowing what his present is to be—easy enough. No doubt we know just his size and what he likes—or we can write out an order for a suit or Overcoat to be presented to us after Xmas. If he needs a Suit or Overcoat—give him one and we'll guarantee the fit, quality and satisfaction.

AND OTHER PRACTICAL GIFTS.

Neckties 50c to $1.50	Hosiery 10c to 50c	Gloves 50c to $2.00.
Handkerchiefs 10c to 50c	Cuff Links, 25c to $1.00	Belts 25c to $1.00
Collars, 2 for 25c	Scarf Pins, 25c to $1.00	Watch Fobs, 25c to $1.00.
Shirts 50c to $1.50	Umbrellas $1.00 to $5.00	Garters, 25c to $1.00
Underwear $1.00 to $1.00	Suspenders 25c to $1.00	Fancy Vests, $2.00 to $5.00.
Night Shirts 50c to $1.00	Caps 50c to $5.00	

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NORTH PITTSBURG STREET

Burgundy Satin and Chiffon.

Satin and chiffon in the beautiful shade called Burgundy have been fashioned here into a most beautiful gown. The blouse of chiffon has a rolling collar of satin and supplementary one of lace, a straight full sleeve and a cuff of the satin and is gathered into a broad girdle of the same. This is like an abbreviated waistcoat and the similarity is carried out by embroidery motif in silk thread which resemble pockets. A double tunic of chiffon bordered with the satin falls over an underskirt of the satin. Black velvet hat with plumes of Burgundy.

Tie pass Notices for sale at The Courier Job Department.

We Make a Specialty of

Jobbing and Repair Work

Next to saving you money the next important point about your

PLUMBING, HEATING AND TINNING

is the promptness.

We answer all calls promptly. We don't waste time—for which some plumbers make you pay—and we can safely say that we know the business from start to finish.

We also carry a complete line of Gas Lights, Stoves and Ranges. Call

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BACK TO YOUR "DOLLY" DAYS

Come in and see the Sellers Junior Special KITCHENEED the little girls are working so hard for and you will understand just why it is that every little contestant is so anxious to own it.

You will find yourself wishing that there had been such possibilities for you during that time, not so very far back, when you were a little girl, and played at doing the things you now do as a woman.

For this Junior is an exact two-thirds size duplicate of the Sellers Kitcheneed Special and has two-thirds size all such features as these:

COOLING CABINET—Frosted metal perfectly ventilated.

EXTENSION TOP—Can be pulled out to give more space when working. Can be had in either nickeloid or in hard maple wood.

SPACIOUS COMPARTMENT in lower section—equipped with a sliding wire shelf.

WIRE RACK on back of door to this compartment for covers and flat tin.

DRAWERS in lower section for kitchen utensils, cutlery, etc.

SELLERS AUTOMATIC FLOUR BIN—has funnel shaped sifter attachment. This bin comes forward automatically to table level for filling purposes and easily swings back into position when filled.

GLASS PANEL indicates constantly amount of flour on hand.

Glassware — SUGAR RECEPTACLE with automatic outlet and graduated measuring cup. SEVEN SPICE JARS with snap-on covers, two perforated for salt and pepper. Also GLASS TEA and COFFEE CANISTERS. SNAP-ON COVERS—slight pressure of thumb upwards all that is necessary to operate.

SANITARY ROLLING CURTAIN—instantly disappears. Roll UP and OUT of the way. Keeps dust from provisions stored within cabinet.

ANT-PROOF CASTERS. Strong steel caster heavily nickele plated. Filling bowl above the caster wheel with water, oil or powdered borax, renders it impossible for ants or other insects to enter cabinet.

SPACIOUS COMPARTMENTS in upper section, one for china, the other for glassware—has white enamel or varnish interiors, frosted glass doors and coppered hinges.

SELLERS KITCHENEED made of best quality seasoned oak, finished oil hand rubbed with dull copped hinges and catches.

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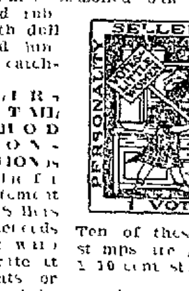

Ten of these 1 vote stamps are good for 1 10 cent stamp.

The contest closes December 23. So do now what you can toward helping the little girl you want to have this wonderful possession.

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SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 12, '14

UPLIFT IN IRON AND COKE

[illegible]

... that the lowest pig iron ... just after the panic of October 1907 ...

[illegible]

PASSING AWAY

[illegible]

... encourage many of these artists to hunt fodder and safer jobs.

[illegible]

... the merchant ... Connellsville region that the coke will be ...

[illegible]

Drop a coin in the Salvation Army kettle ...

[illegible]

THE HEN.

Author of "At Good Old Siwash"

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Abe Martin.

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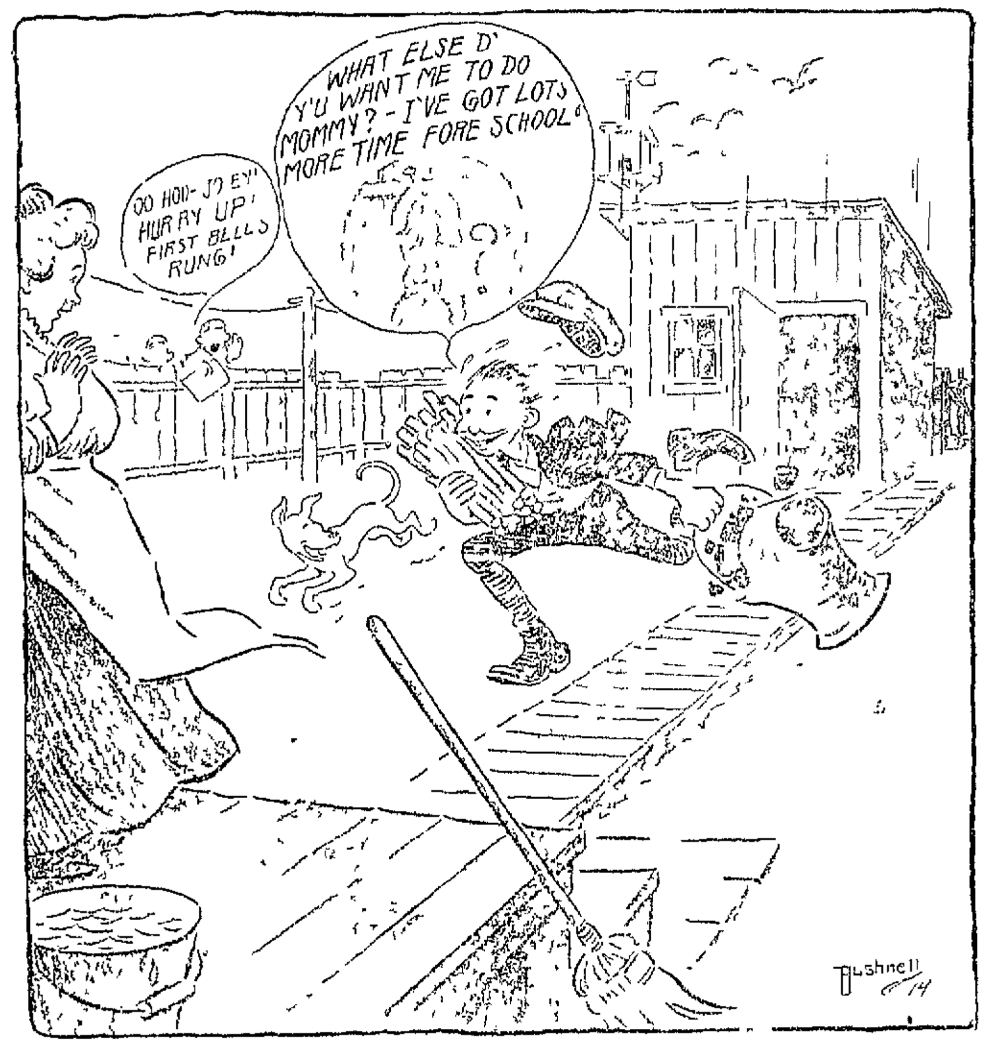
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wanted

WANTED — ... BUSINESS ...

[illegible]

For Rent

FOR RENT — ... HOUSE AND ... MAIN STREET ...

FOR RENT — SIX ROOM HOUSE ...

FOR RENT — NEW DOUBLE BRICK house ... ROBT. NORRIS ...

FOR RENT — SIX ROOM HOUSE ... JOS. A. MASON ...

[illegible]

For Sale

FOR SALE — HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE good as new ...

FOR SALE — FOUR COWS ... U. S. WORTHINGTON, Dawson ...

FOR SALE — RELIABLE INFORMATION on stocks that will save you money ... THE STOCKMAN CO. Box ... Connellsville, Pa.

Administrator's Notice

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Divorce Notice

[illegible]

Farm for Sale

[illegible]

Administratrix's Notice

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Administrator's Notice

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Public Sale of Valuable Real Estate

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Legal Notice

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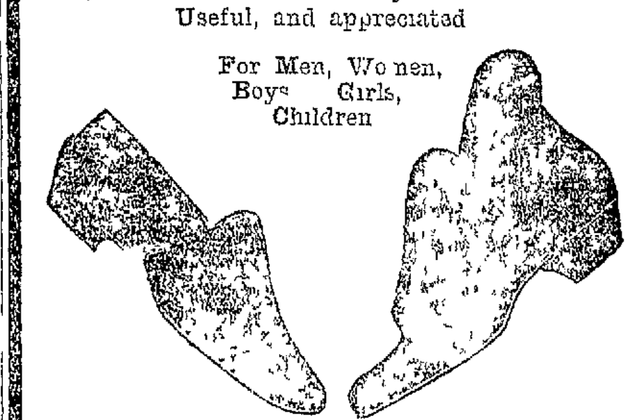
Have You Thought About

WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO PAY FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

$1 00 or $1 50 Then why not SLIPPERS
Useful, and appreciated

For Men, Women, Boys Girls, Children



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Even if YOUR figure is unusual—mine is just right! I never OVERCHARGE! I make suits that suit in EVERY way—This means PRICE as well as fit.

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Open Evenings. Repairing and Pressing

Large Stocks of Christmas Merchandise

You will now see in every Union Supply Company store large quantities of Christmas merchandise, attractively displayed and attractively priced All our stores are beautifully decorated, and every department invites your Christmas patronage We have given special attention to the little folks, and the toy displays have aroused the keenest interest in the vicinity of every Union Supply Company store We have toys of every description—from the latest mechanical devices, to the less expensive kinds Dolls are always popular Christmas presents for little girls, and our stocks of these is exceptionally large and attractive All the different kinds, sizes and prices are now on exhibition, and a suitable selection can be made for any child Whether you shop early or late you will always find prompt courteous service in every Union Supply Company store We respectfully invite your Christmas business

Union Supply Company

63 Large Department Stores,

Located in Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties.

If
Hooper & Long

Cannot show you just what you want to buy in either

Christmas Shoes or Slippers

You'll have a hard time to get them anywhere

They always show the largest and best line of Christmas Footwear, and at prices that's a real saving.

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130 N Pittsburg St

SCOTTDALE

SCOTTDALE, Dec. [illegible]

[illegible]

CONSTITUTION [illegible]

[illegible]

CONFLUENCE

CONFLUENCE, Dec. [illegible]

[illegible]

THEY ARE GOING LIKE HOT CAKES

Like Them Now or Wait Until You Can Get Them Is the Rule

Who'd have thought it. This self shaving, money saving proposal is [illegible] the Courier is now kept busy trying to supply the demand [illegible] Safety Razor Outfit for only [illegible] coupon and [illegible] small cost of [illegible]

[illegible]

OHIOPYLE.

OHIOPYLE, Dec. [illegible] The following program was [illegible] in the M. E. Church [illegible]

[illegible]

BUNKER COAL

Department of Commerce Shows Loadings for October

The Department of Commerce [illegible] statistics [illegible] coal [illegible] during October. The figures follow:

[illegible] Gross Tons [illegible]

ROCKWOOD

ROCKWOOD, Dec. 12.—Rev. [illegible] Loring of [illegible] will deliver a special sermon in the Murdock and Lockwood church of the United Brethren Sunday afternoon and evening.

Rev. J. J. Hill of Pittsburg will conduct [illegible] in the Methodist Church at 10:30 A. M. Rev. [illegible] of the Rockwood [illegible] will deliver the sermon in the evening.

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paralysis. She [illegible] survived by three children [illegible] The funeral services were held at the [illegible] Wednesday afternoon with interment in the [illegible] Hill cemetery.

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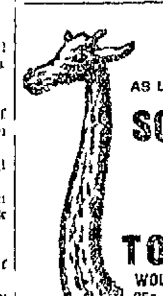

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IN VANITY CASES COLLAR BAGS, TRAVELER PORTFOLIOS

Gifts of Brass

IN DESK SETS LETTER RACKS AND SMOKING SETS

are just what you want for that fastidious friend

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HAS THEM SELECT THEM NOW

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You need a good warm room to shave and dress in. A Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater will warm any ordinary room in a few minutes.

The Perfection is portable you can take it to sitting room, cellar or attic—any room where extra heat is needed—and it is specially convenient in very cold weather.

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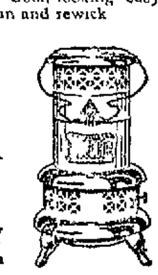

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This big store is piled high from celler to rafter with useful, meaningful gifts. Nothing here but with a purpose; nothing here but what is not a true CHRISTMAS GIFT. Here, for instance, is a

Splendid Gift Opportunity

FUR SETS

Specially Priced

Just in time for Christmas this distinctive achievement in Fur Value Giving means a generous money-saving opportunity. These garments have been taken from our regular stock—are all new and up-to-date. We guarantee our prices and we guarantee our reductions.

Tiger Cat Sets, reg 10 00 value reduced to $6.90
Black Chinese Wolf Sets, reg $25, red to $16 50
Red Fox Sets, reg. $17 50 value, red to $11 75
Fitch 'Oppossum sets, reg $25, reduced to $19.75
Brown Kolinsky sets, reg $50, reduced to $39 50
Mink Sets, regular $100 value, reduced to $75 00

Any Little Girl Would Be Delighted With One of Our Fur Sets

Santa Claus delivers few things that bring so much joy as Furs. They are pretty and useful practical and necessary. Our stocks of children's Furs are at their best great variety of newest ideas and styles to choose from.

YOUR UNRESTRICTED CHOICE

Of Any Children's Coat in the House Without Exception or Reservation

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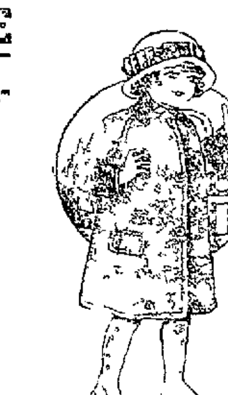

1-4 OFF

Any coat, was $3 90, now $2.98
Any coat, was $5 90, now $4 43
Any coat, was $7 90, now $5 93
Any coat, was $8 75, now $6 57
Any coat, was 10 00, now $7 50

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Cream Walnut Carmels . . 40c per pound
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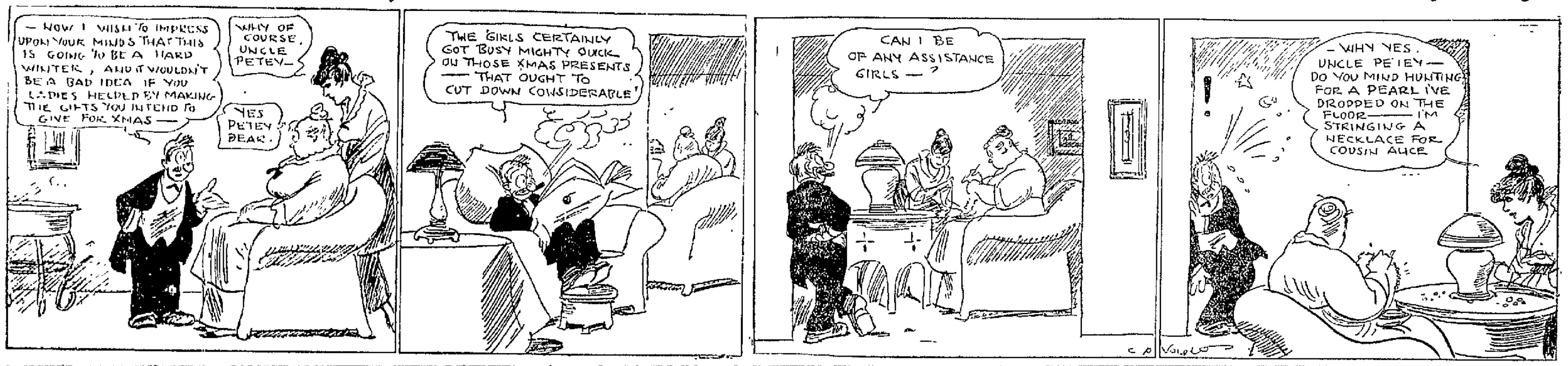
PETEY DINK—A Little Good Advice Gone Astray By C. A. Voight.



SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH Bible School at 9:00, Paul H. Beighley Supt. Morning worship at 10:30; subject, "The Inward Man." Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30. Preceding the sermon the minister will give a "Seven Minute Talk on a Timely Topic." The sermon subject, "Love's Reason."

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Divine services will be held in Trinity Church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ellis B. Burgess. Morning sermon, "The Credentials of Jesus." Evening sermon, "The Telling Qualities of a Great Man's Life." Confirmation class at 9 a. m. and Bible School at 10 a. m. Strangers are welcome.

At the METHODIST EPISCOPAL Church Sabbath, 11 A. M., sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Our Confidence." 7:30 P. M. sermon by the pastor, "Sin's Military Stipend."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH J. L. Proudfit, pastor. Sabbath school at 9:45. Morning service at 11, subject of sermon "Jesus on the Mountain." Evening service at 7:30, subject of sermon "Jesus on the Beach." Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Services in the Colonial Theatre. Wednesday evening prayer meeting in the Y. M. C. A. at 7:45.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Mass. Second Floor, Trotter T. & T. Bldg. Uniontown. Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Sermon subject "God the Preserver of Man." Everybody cordially invited to attend.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT Church, Apple street, Rev. J. H. Lambertson, pastor. At the morning service, 11:00 a. m., the pastor's subject will be, "The Compassion of Jesus." In the evening at 7:30 p. m., the theme will be "Gospel of Christ." Class meeting at 9:30 a. m., sharp, leader Mr. S. H. Crosse. Sabbath School at 10 A. M. Worth Kilpatrick, supt. C. E. meeting at 6:15 p. m. Subject is "Gems from My Reading." Prov. 2:1-12. Brief extracts, with comments. Leader S. T. Benford. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Pastor will preside. Special music by choir under the direction of Mrs. Stough. A cordial welcome is extended to the public to attend these services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Meets in Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. Sunday morning: Bible Study 10:00 a. m. Preaching 11 o'clock. Meets Sunday night in Malts Hall, 2nd door south of Second National Bank on South Pittsburg street. Sunday evening: Preaching service 7:00 p. m. A. E. Harper of Woodsfield, Ohio, will speak at each of these services. All are welcome.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH South Pittsburg street, Wilbur Nelson, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Public worship at 11 A. M., sermon by the pastor "The King's Birthday." Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M. It is expected that W. H. Stallings, chairman of the Baptist Student Volunteers of North America, will be present and give an address on the subject "American Neutrality Our Baptist Opportunity."

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Church—South Pittsburg street and Morton avenue, Rev. William J. Everhart, minister. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Evening worship at 7:45 o'clock. Sabbath School at 9:45 A. M. Juniors at 3 P. M. Mrs. J. P. Kerr, leader. Intermediates at 3 P. M., Robert Keys, leader. Senior Y. P. C. U. at 6:45 P. M. Topic, "Gems From My Reading." Prov. 2:1-12.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH South Pittsburg and Green streets. Rev. Charles E. Wagner, pastor. Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Morning sermon at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Judgment Suspended." Evening worship at 7:30. Subject, "Zechariah's Vision of the Candlestick and Olive Trees." Everybody welcome always at our services. Prayer services Wednesday evening at 7:30 followed by rehearsal of Christmas music.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sabbath School at 9:45 A. M. Service at 11 A. M. Subject, "Hunting Trouble." This will be of interest to hunters. Christian Endeavor at 6:15 P. M. Services at 7:30. Subject, "Meditation." All invited.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Public worship at 11 A. M. Junior Y. P. S. C. E. at 2 P. M. Services at 6:30 P. M. Public worship at 7:30 P. M. Baptism, reception of members and communion at services morning and evening. Rev. W. J. Houck of York, Pa., field secretary for Quincy United Brethren Orphanage, will deliver the message in the evening. Invitation to all. J. Showers, pastor.

HUMAN INTEREST TALES OF THE WAR

Associated Press Correspondence.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—English soldiers are good fighters and resourceful, an editor of the Zeitung Am Mittag who is serving as a first lieutenant in the German army, writes his paper in an account of the engagements around Ypres.

"Full of light and confident of easy victory," he says, "our young regiments started to march against the enemy. We were quite certain that Providence had endowed the English with long legs to facilitate their running away faster. Thus we advanced by long and short marches through Flanders, the great cemetery. We were delighted with the beautiful Flemish landscapes and with the inhabitants, whose language we soon managed to understand, even as they speedily came to understand ours.

"We thought of the English soldiers as the comic papers are wont to portray them. There were a few who warned us against possible underestimation of the enemy, but their misgivings were quieted by our pointing out that these were mercenary troops, hired at a few pence a day, bare of patriotism and incapable of trouble.

"Sooner than we thought we were upon the enemy. First we came upon a dead Englishman, then two wounded English officers, then an English prisoner. The prisoner naturally was of great interest to our soldiers. 'Wonder if the mercenary can shoot?' we asked ourselves. An hour later some of his comrades gave us an answer to that question. They gave us a clear, practical demonstration—such a clear demonstration that our battalion was reduced to half its original size in a few encounters. We suddenly realized that the English mercenaries could not be routed with mere hurrahs, and that these smooth-faced gentlemen used the long legs not always for running away, but sometimes for desperate and dangerous charges.

"The English infantry which opposed us at Ypres must be considered among their best troops. They defended their positions with energy and skill and when driven back tried again and again to recover the lost ground. In these endeavors they were supported efficiently by the fire of their field artillery. They had also transported heavy naval guns to Ypres and the English shells and shrapnel caused enormous damage among our troops.

"As the surrounding of the English forces by our troops made itself more and more felt, the English infantry tried again and again to break through our lines, particularly in the vicinity of Becelaere, though without success. In one of these attacks five hundred English soldiers and twenty officers fell into our hands.

"The English trenches were mostly so arranged as to be quite invisible to the naked eye. When we had got into the first trenches we were astonished at their systematic construction as regards depth, side protection against splintering shells, breastwork and flooring. The trenches were nearly all excellently arranged for a long stand. We were particularly astonished at the iron and steel work built into the breastworks. The floors were designed with an eye to maximum comfort. Our men captured there a great store of excellent preserves, corn beef and ham, and many also secured one of the shaving outfits which every English soldier carries.

"When we had taken a position it frequently occurred that we found a disproportionate number of dead to the very few living defenders. We soon discovered that a large number of the 'dead' were shamming and these were easily tickled into life with a bayonet.

"In some cases the English had dug trenches but had not occupied them, and to deceive us had put large round turnips and similar objects along the breastworks."

Associated Press Correspondence.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—England probably never will lay down another dreadnought, says one of the foremost ship builders in this country who for obvious reasons, cannot be quoted. All the dreadnoughts according to this authority, which have been laid down will be rushed to completion but no orders will be given for any more vessels of this type. This policy was under serious consideration when the Audacious went to the bottom and the recent loss of the Bulwark has only served to confirm the opinion that the battleship as a fighting craft is doomed.

All new construction in the British shipyards consist of heavily armed cruisers of great coal carrying capacity, destroyers and submarines. For ten miles along the Tyne in coming into Newcastle the passengers on the boat cannot hear each other speak because of the din of steam hammers most of which are making destroyers and submarines.

When Sir Percy Scott expressed his doubts of the efficiency of the dreadnought just after England had placed her seal on it as the premier fighting unit of naval warfare, his unorthodoxy made him the strategic heretic of his time, but this war has come near to vindicating his theory, for thus far not a single success can be placed to the credit of the dreadnought while the experimental, almost despised, submarine has won most of the naval laurels.

France is also reported as hurrying the construction of submarines while Russia is said to have asked for tenders on a submarine of two thousand tons.

THE SOISSON.

"TEN NIGHTS IN A BARROOM" TODAY.

Pathos and humor are harmoniously blended in the famous drama, "Ten Nights in a Barroom," at the Soisson Theatre today. It is in five reels and an excellent play. The two reel drama, "The Heiress and the Crook" is replete with strong situations and stirring scenes. Fun reigns supreme with the L-Ko Comedy, "The Groom's Doom" and the Joker Comedy, "The Tricky Plunkie." Both are good. Monday, Chas. Dickens' great Christmas carol, "Scrooge," will be the attraction.

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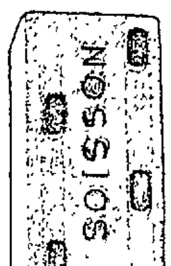

Abrasion Loss per cent...... 19.26
Absorption Gain per cent..... 2.25
Crushing Strength per sq. in..12,975 lbs
Pittsburgh Testing Labratory, Oct. 14, 1914. John M. Bailey, Secretary.

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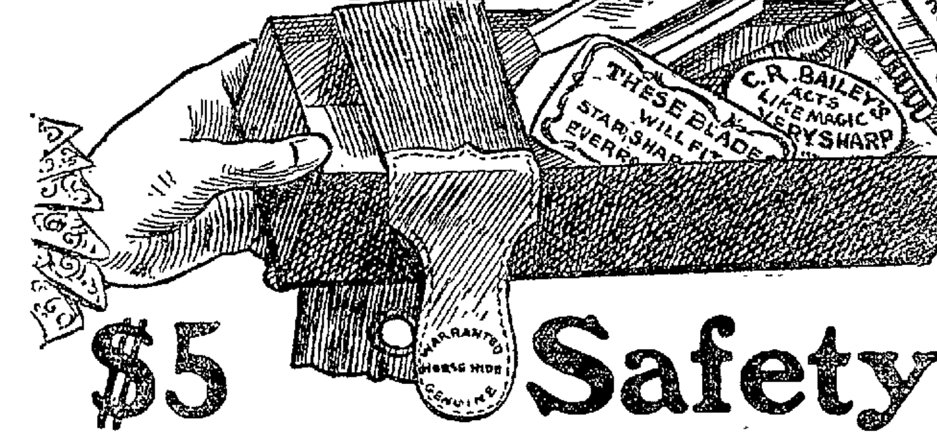
The Appointment

of the Title & Trust Company of Western Pennsylvania as your Executor is an assurance of the safe, legal and satisfactory settlement of your estate. Call or write us for any particulars you desire upon this important subject.

Sale Bills PRINTED If you intend to have a sale get our prices

Surprise Him With This



$5 Safety Razor Outfit

For One Evening Times Coupon and 89c

He's sure to be pleased, for it's the equal of the finest safety razor on the market—complete in every detail. A heavily nickeled handle of neat design, with a special clip that holds the blade absolutely rigid and insures a clean, close, smooth shave. Six finely tempered steel blades, one handy stropper, a heavy horsehide strop and a package of very sharp razor dressing that will keep the blades sharp for years. All neatly packed in a convenient box.

COMPLETE $5.00 OUTFIT SELF-SHAVING SET COUPON
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For Lily she had no tears—she seldom had tears at all. But after a little while she was conscious of a weight through her and in her, aching in her throat, her breast, her body. She rose and went near to the warmth of the fire, then to the freedom of the window against which the snow lay piled, then she sat down in the place where she worked beside her patterns. The gray shawl still bound her head, and it was still in her mind that she must go to the barn and lock it. But she did not go—she sat in the darkening room with all her past crowding it.

That first day with Adam at the Blood's picnic, given at his homecoming. They had met with all that perilous, ready made intimacy which a school friendship of years before had allowed. As she had walked beside him she had known well what he was going to mean to her. She remembered the moment when he had contrived to ask her to wait until the others went, so that he might walk home with her. And when they had reached home, there on the porch where she had just shaken the rugs in the snow, Lily had been sitting, a stool—one of the stools now at length banished to the shed—holding the hurt ankle that had kept her from the picnic. Adam had stayed an hour, and they had sat beside Lily. He had come again and again, and they had always sat beside Lily. Mary remembered that those were the days when she was happy in things—in the house and the look of the rooms and of the little garden from the porch and of the old red cushioned rocking chairs on the flay "stoop." She had loved her clothes and her little routine, and all these things had seemed desirable and a thing to because they two were sharing them. Then one day Mary had found Lily and Adam there on the porch and Lily had been looking up with [illegible] and Mary had searched her face, and then Adam's face and the look of seemed in a sudden nakedness and Mary had known that a great place was closed against her.

Since then house and porch and garden and routines had become like those of other places. She had always been shut outside something, and always she had borne burdens. The death of her parents, gullies of need, worst of all a curious feeling that the place closed against her was somehow herself—that, so to say, she and herself had never once met. She used to say that to herself sometimes. "There's two of me, and we don't meet—we don't meet."

"And now he wants me to take her boy and Adam's," she kept saying. "I'd never do such a thing—never."

She thought that the news of Lily's death was what gave her the strange, bad [illegible] that had seized her—the news that what she was used to was gone; that she had no sister; that the days of their being together and all the tasks of their upbringing were finished. Then she thought that the remembering of those days of her happiness and her pain, and the ache of what might have been and of what never was, had come to torture her again. But the feeling was not that; the weight of some [illegible], the ravage of something that grew with what it fed on, the grasp upon her of something that would not let her go.

She had not seen them after their marriage, and so she had never seen [illegible] of the children. Lily had once sent her a picture of John but she had never sent one of this other little [illegible]. Mary tried to recall what they [illegible] said of him. She could not remember his baptismal name, [illegible] he knew that they had called him [illegible] because it was the first word [illegible] had learned to say and because he [illegible] said it to everything. "The baby [illegible] says 'Yes.'" Lily had written once: "I guess it's all he'll ever be able to say. He says it all day long. He [illegible] to say anything else. And [illegible] letter "We've ta'en to calling him 'Yes'—and now he calls himself [illegible] wants it,' he says, and [illegible] 'Yes, and 'Yes is going off now' [illegible] likes it. He says yes is [illegible] and no is nothing. I don't know that means much, but we call [illegible] that for fun." But Mary could not remember what the child's real name was. What difference did it make? As if she could have a child [illegible] round the house while she was sewing! But, of course, this was not the real reason. The real reason was that she could not bring up a child—did she not know that?

"He's six years old now, and, Aunt Mary, it's can't a place for him. He's a nice little fellow and I hate for him to get rough and be wild if he stays here."

She tried to think who else could take him. They had no one. Adam, she knew, had no one. Some of the neighbors there by the ranch—it was absurd to send him that long journey—so she went through it all denying with [illegible] the old denials. And all the while the weight in her body grew and filled her, and she was strangely conscious of her breath.

"What ails me?" she said aloud, and got up to light a light. She was amazed to see that it was 7 o'clock and long past her supper hour. As she took from the clock shelf the key to the barn, some one rapped at the back door and came through the cold kitchen with friendly familiarity. It was Jenny, a shawl over her head, her face glowing with the cold, and in her mittened hands a flat parcel.

"My hand's most froze," Jenny admitted. "I didn't want to roll this thing, so I carried it flat out, and it blew consider'ble. It's the picture."

"Get yourself warm," Mary bade her. "I'll undo it. Who is it of?" she added, as the papers came away.

"That's what I don't know," said Jenny, "but I've always liked it around. I thought maybe you'd know."

It was a picture which, in those days, had not before come to Old Trail Town. The figure was that of a youth, done by a master of the times—the head and shoulders of a youth who seemed to be looking passionately at something outside the picture.

"There it is, anyhow," Jenny added. "If you like it enough to hang it up, hang it up. It's a Christmas present!" Jenny laughed elfishly.

Mary Chavah held the picture out before her.

"I do," she said; "I could take a real fancy to it. I'll have it up on the wall. Much obliged, I'm sure. Set down a minute."

But Jenny could not do this, and Mary, the key to the barn still in her hands, followed her out. They went through the cold kitchen where the refrigerator and the ironing board and the clothes bars and all the familiar things stood in the dark. To Mary these were sunk in a great obscurity and insignificance, and even Jenny being there was unimportant beside the thing that her letter had brought to think about. They stepped out into the clear, glittering night, with its clean, white world, and its clean, dark sky on which some story was written in stars. Capella was shining almost overhead—and another star was hanging bright in the east as if the east were always a dawning place for some new star.

"Mary!" said Jenny, there in the dark.

"Yes," Mary answered.

"You know I said I just couldn't bear not to have any Christmas—this Christmas?"

"Yes," Mary said.

"Did you know why?"

"I thought because it's your and Bruce's first"—

"No," Jenny said, "that isn't all why. It's something else."

She slipped her arm within Mary's and stood silent. And Mary still not understanding—

"It's somebody else," Jenny said faintly.

"Why, Jenny!"

"Soon," said Jenny.

The two women stood for a moment, Jenny saying a little, Mary quiet.

"It'll be late in December," Jenny finished. "That seems so wonderful to me—so wonderful. Late in December, like"—

The cold came pricking about them, and Jenny moved to go. Mary, the shawled figure on the upper step, looked down on the shawled figure below her and abruptly spoke.

"It's funny," Mary said, "that you should tell me that—now. I haven't told you what's in my letter."

"What was?" asked Jenny.

Mary told her. "They want I should have the little boy," she ended it.

"Oh," Jenny said, "Mary! How wonderful for you! Why, it's almost next as wonderful as mine!"

CHAPTER V.

Coming.

MARY hesitated for breath. But she was profoundly stirred by what Jenny had told her—the first time, so far as she could recall, that news like this had ever come to her directly, as a secret and a marvel. News of the village births usually came in gossip, in commiseration, in suspicion. Falling as did this confidence in a time when she was reliving her old hope, when Adam's boy stood outside her threshold, the moment quite suddenly put on its real significance.

"We can plan together," Jenny was saying. "Ain't it wonderful?"

"Ain't it?" Mary said then, simply and kissed Jenny, when Jenny came and kissed her. Then Jenny went away.

Mary went on to the barn and opened the door and listened. She had brought no lantern, but the soft stillness within needed no vigilance. The hay smell from the loft and the mangers, the even breath of the cows, the quiet safety of the place, met her. She was wondering at herself, but she was struggling not at all. It was as if concerning the little boy something had decided for her in a soft, fierce rush of feeling not her own. She had committed herself to Jenny almost without will. But Mary felt no exultation, and the weight within her did not lift.

"I really couldn't do anything else but take him, I s'pose," she thought. "I wonder what'll come on me next?"

All the while she was conscious of the raw smell of the clover in the hay of the mangers, as if something of summer were there in the cold.

Mary Chavah sent her letter of blunt directions concerning her sister's headstone and the few belongings which her sister had wished her to have. The last lines of the letter were about the boy.

"Send the little one alone. I am not the one, but I don't know what else to tell you to do with him. Let me know when to expect him and put his name in with his things. I can't remember his right name."

When the answer came from John Blood a fortnight later it said that a young fellow of those parts was starting back home shortly to spend Christmas and would take charge of the child as far as the city and there put him on his train for Old Trail Town. She would be notified just what day to expect him, and John knew how glad his mother would have been and his father, too, and he was her grateful nephew. P. S.—He would send some money every month toward him."

The night after she received this letter Mary lay long awake, facing what it was going to mean to have him there—to have a child there.

She recalled what she had heard other women say about it—stray utterances, made with the burdened look that hid a secret complacency, a kind of pleased freemasonry in a universal lot.

"The children bring so much sand into the house. You'd think it was horses."

"The center table looks loaded and ready to start half the time, but I can't help it, with the children's books and truck."

"Never would have another house

She Sat by the Stove and Read the Letter.

built without a coat closet. The children's cloaks and caps and rubbers litter up everything."

"Every one of their knees out and their underclothes outgrown and their waists soiled the whole time. And I do try so hard."

Now with all these bewilderments she was to have to do. She wondered if she would know how to dress him. Once she had watched Mis' Winslow dress a child and she remembered what unexpected places Mis' Winslow had buttoned—buttonholes that went up and down in the skirt bands and so on. Armholes might be too small and garters too tight, and how was one ever to know? If it were a little girl, now—but a little boy. What would she talk to him about while they ate together?

She lay in the dark and planned—with no pleasure, but merely because she always planned everything, her dress, her baking, what she would say to this one and that. She would put up a stove in the back parlor and give him the room "off." She was glad that the parlor was empty and clean—"no knickknacks for a boy to knock around," she found herself thinking. And a child would like the bedroom wall paper, with the owl border. When summer came he could have the room over the dining room, with the kitchen roof sloping away from it where he could dry his hazelnuts—she had thought of the pasture hazelnuts first thing. There were a good many things a boy would like about the place—the bird house where the martins always built, the hens, the big hollow tree, the pasture nut hill. She would have to find out the things he liked to eat. She would have to help him with his lessons; she could do that for only a little while until he would be too old to need her. Then maybe there would come the time when he would ask her things that she would not know.

She fell asleep wondering how he would look. Already, not from any impatience to have this done, but because that was the way in which she worked, she had his room in order, and her picture of his father was by the mirror, the young face of his father. Something faded had been written below the picture, and this she had painstakingly rubbed away before she set the picture in its place. Next day while she was working on Mis' Jane Morap's bead basque, that was to be cut over and turned, she laid it aside and cut out a jacket pattern and a plaited waist pattern just to see if she could. These she rolled up impatiently and stuffed away in her pattern book case.

"I knew how to do them all the while, and I never knew I knew," she thought with annoyed surprise. "I s'pose I'll waste a lot of time pottering over him."

It was so that she spent the weeks until the letter came telling her what day the child would start. On the afternoon of the day the letter came she went downtown to the Abel Ames emporium to buy a wash basin and pitcher for the room she meant the little boy to have. She stood looking at a basin with a row of brown dogs around the rim when over her shoulder Mis' Abby Winslow spoke.

"You ain't buying a Christmas present for anybody, are you?" she asked warningly.

Mary started guiltily and denied it.

"Well, what in time do you want with dogs on the basin?" Mis' Winslow demanded.

Almost against her own wish Mary told her. Mis' Winslow was one of those whose faces are invariably forerunners of the sort of thing they are going to say. With eyebrows, eyes, forehead, head and voice she took the news.

"He is! Forever and ever more! When's he going to get here?"

"Week after next," Mary said listlessly. "It's an awful responsibility, ain't it—taking a child so?"

Mis' Winslow's face abruptly rejected its own anxious lines and let the eyes speak for it.

"I always think children is like air," she said; "you never realize how hard they're pressing down on you, but you do know you can't live without them."

Mary looked at her, her own face not lighting.

"I'd rather go along like I am," she said; "I'm used to myself the way I am."

"Mary Chavah," said Mis' Winslow sharply, "a vegetable sprouts. Can't you? Is these stocking caps made so's they won't ravel?" she inquired capably of Abel Ames. "These are real good value, Mary," she added kindly. "Better su'prise the little thing with one of these. A red one."

Mary counted over her money and bought the red stocking cap and the basin with the puppies. Then she went into the street. The sense of oppression, of striving, that had seldom left her since that night in the stable made the day a thing to be borne, to be breasted. The air was thick with snow, and in the whiteness the dreary familiarity of the drug store, the meat market, the postoffice, the Simeon Buck Dry Goods Exchange, smote her with a passion to escape from them all, to breed new familiars, to get free of the thing that she had said she would do.

"And I could," she thought; "I could telegraph to John not to send him. But Jenny—she can't. I don't see how she stands it."

The thought may have been why, instead of going home, she went to see Jenny. A neighbor was in the sitting room with Mrs. Wing. Jenny met Mary at the kitchen door and stood against a background of clothes drying on lines stretched indoors.

"Don't you want to come upstairs?" Jenny said. "There ain't a fire up there, but I can show you the things."

She had put them all in the bottom drawer, as women always do, and, as women always do, had laid them so that all the lace and embroidery and pink ribbons possible showed in a flutter when the drawer was opened. Jenny took the things out, one at a time, unfolded, discussed, compared, with all the tireless zeal of a robin with a straw in its mouth or of a tree blossoming. "Smell of them," Jenny bade her. "Honestly, wouldn't you know by the smell who they are for?" "I dunno but you would," Mary admitted awkwardly and marveled dumbly at the newness Jenny was feeling in that which, after all, was not new!

When these things were all put a little tissue paper parcel was left lying in the drawer.

"There's one more," Mary said.

Jenny flushed, hesitated, lifted it.

"That's nothing," she said; "before I came I made some little things for its Christmas. I thought maybe it would come first, and we'd have the Christmas in my room, and I made some things—just for fun, you know. But it won't be fair to do it now, with the whole town so set against our having any Christmas. Mary, it just seems as though I had to have a Christmas this year!"

"Oh, well," said Mary, "the baby'll be your Christmas. The town can't help that, I guess."

"I know," Jenny flashed back brightly, "you and I have got the best of them, haven't we? We've each got one present coming, anyway."

"I s'pose we have," Mary said.

She looked at Jenny's Christmas things—a ribbon rattle, a crocheted cap, a first picture book, a cascade of colored rings—and then in grim humor at Jenny.

"It'll never miss its Christmas," she said drily.

"Don't you think so?" said Jenny soberly. "I dunno. It seems as if it'd be kind o' lonesome to get born 'round Christmas and not had any going on."

She put the things away and closed the drawer. For no appreciable reason she kept it locked and the key under the bureau cover.

"Do you know yet when yours is coming?" Jenny asked as she rose.

"Week after next," Mary repeated, "two weeks from last night," she confessed, "if he comes straight through."

"I think," said Jenny, "I think mine will be here—before then."

When they reached the foot of the stair Mary unexpectedly refused to go in the sitting room.

"No," she said, "I must be getting home. I just come out for a minute anyway. I'm—I'm much obliged for what you showed me," she added and hesitated. "I've got his room fixed up

"We can plan together. Ain't it wonderful?"

real nice. There's owls on the wall paper and puppies on the wash basin," she said. "Come in when you can and see it."

CHAPTER VI.

Old Accounts.

IT was almost dusk when Mary reached home. While she was passing the billboard at the corner—a flare of yellow letters, as if color and the alphabet had united to breed a monster—she heard children shouting. A block away and across the street, coming home from Rolleston's hill, where they had been coasting, were Bennet and Gussie Bates, little Emily, Tab Winslow and Pep. Nearly every day of snow they passed her house. She always heard them talking, and usually she heard across at the corner the click of the penny in the slot machine, which no child seemed able to pass without pulling. Tonight as she heard them coming Mary fumbled in her purse. Three, four, five pennies she found and ran across the street and dropped them in the slot machine and gained her own door before the children came. She stood at her dark threshold and listened. She had not reckoned in vain. One of the children pushed down on the rod in the child's eternal hope of magic, and when magic came and three, four, five chocolates dropped obediently in their hands Mary listened to what they said. It was not much, and it was not very coherent, but it was wholly intelligible.

"Look at!" shrieked Bennet, who had made the magic.

"Did it?" cried Gussie and repeated the operation.

"It—it—it never!" said Tab Winslow at the third.

"Make it again; make it again!" cried little Emily, and they did.

"Gorry!" observed Pep in ecstasy.

When it would give no more they divided with the other children and ran on, their red mittens and mufflers flaming in the snow. Mary stood staring after them for a moment; then she closed her door.

"I wonder what made me do that," she thought.

In her dining room she mended the fire without taking off her hat. It was curious, she reflected. Here was this room looking the way it looked, and away off there was the little fellow who had never seen the room, and in a little while he would be calling this room home and looking for his books and his mittens and knowing it better than any other place in the world. And there was Jenny with that bottom drawerful, and pretty soon somebody that now was not, would be, and would be wearing the drawerful and calling Jenny "mother" and would know her better than any one else in the world. Mary could not imagine that little boy of Lily's getting used to her—Mary—and calling her—well, what would he call her? She hadn't thought of that.

"Bother," thought Mary Chavah, "there's going to be forty nuisances about it that I s'pose I haven't even thought of yet."

She stood by the window. She had not lighted the lamp, so the world showed white, not black. Snow makes outdoors look big, she thought. But it was big—what a long journey it was to Idaho. Suppose something happened to the man he was to travel with? John Blood was only a boy; he would probably put the child's name and her address in the little traveler's pocket, and these would be lost. The child was hardly old enough to remember what to do. He would go astray, and none of them would ever know what had become of him and what would become of him? She saw him and his bundle of clothes alone in the station in the city.

She turned from the window and mechanically mended the fire again. She drew down the window shade and went to the coat closet to hang away her wraps. Then abruptly she took up her purse, counted out the money in the firelight and went out the door and down the street in the dusk and into the postoffice, which was also the telegraph office, one which the little town owed to Ebenezer Rule, and it a rival to the other telegraph office at the station.

"How much does it cost to send a telegram?" she demanded. "Idaho," she answered the man's question, flushing at her omission.

While the man, Affer by name, laboriously looked it up, covering incredible little dirty figures with an incredibly big dirty forefinger, Mary stood staring at the list of names tacked below the dog eared Christmas notice. She remembered that she had not yet signed it herself. She asked for a pencil, causing confusion to the little figures and delay to the big fingers, and, while she waited, wrote her name. "A good, sensible move," she thought as she signed.

When Affer gave her the rate, thrusting finger and figures jointly beneath the bars, solicitous of his own accuracy, Mary filed her message. It was to John Blood and it read:

"Be sure you tie his tag on him good."

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Ebenezer Rule had meant to go to the city before cold weather came. He had there a small and decent steam warmed flat, where he boiled his own eggs and made his own coffee, read his newspapers and kept his counsel, descending nightly to the ground floor cafe to dine on ambiguous dishes at tables of other bank swallows who nested in the same cliff. But as the days went by he found himself staying on in Old Trail Town, with this excuse and that, offered by himself to himself. As, for example, that in the factory there were old account books that he must go through. And having put off this task from day to day and finding at last nothing more to dally with he set out one morning for the ancient building down in that part of the village which was older than the rest and was where his business was conducted when it was conducted.

It had snowed in the night, and Buff Miles, who drove the village snowplow, was also driver of "the bus." So on the morning after a snowfall the streets always lay buried thick until after the 8:10 express came in, and since on the morning following a snowfall the 8:10 express was always late, Old Trail Town lay locked in a kind of circular argument and everybody stayed indoors or stepped high through drifts. The direct way to the factory was virtually untrodden, and Ebenezer made a detour through the business street in search of some semblance of a "track."

The light of a winter morning is not kind, only just. It is just to the sky and discovers it to be dominant; to trees and their lines are seen to be alive, like leaves; to folk, and no disguise avails. Summer gives complements and accessories to the good things in a human face. Winter affords nothing save disclosure. In the uncompromising cleanness of that wash of winter light Ebenezer Rule was himself, for anybody to see. Looking like countless other men—lean, alert, preoccupied, his tall figure stooped, his smooth, pale face like a photograph too much retouched—this commonplace man took his place in the day almost as one of its externals. With that glorious pioneer trio—mineral, vegetable and animal—and with intellect, that worthy tool, he did his day's work. His face was one that had never asked

Simeon Buck Stood Wiping His Snow Shovel With the End of His Muffler.

itself, say of a winter morning. What else? And the winter light searched him pitilessly to find that question somewhere in him.

Before the Simeon Buck North American Dry Goods Exchange Simeon Buck himself had just finished shoveling his walk and stood wiping his snow shovel with the end of his muffler. When he saw Ebenezer he shook the muffler at him and then over his left shoulder jabbed the air with his thumb.

"Look a-here," he said, his head reenforcing his gesture toward his show window. "Look what I done this morning. Nice little touch, eh?"

In the show window of the exchange—dry goods exchange was just the name of it, for the store carried everything—a hodgepodge of canned goods, lace curtains, kitchen utensils, wax figures and bird cages had been ranged round a center table of golden oak. On the table stood a figure that was as familiar to Old Trail Town as was its fire engine and its sprinkling cart. Like these, appearing intermittently, the figure had seized on the imagination of the children and grown in association until it belonged to everybody by sheer use and wont. It was a papier mache Santa Claus, three feet high, white bearded, gray gowned, with tall, pointed cap, rather the more sober St. Nicholas of earlier days than the rollicking, red garbed St. Nick of now. Only whereas for years he had graced the window of the exchange, bearing over his shoulder a little bough of green for a Christmas tree, this season he stood treeless and instead bore on his shoulder a United States flag. On a placard below him Simeon had laboriously lettered:

HIGH COST OF LIVING
AND TOO MUCH FUSS
MAKES FOLKS WANT A
SANE CHRISTMAS
ME TOO. S. C.

"Ain't that neat?" said Simeon.

Ebenezer looked. "What's the flag for?" he inquired dryly.

"Well," said Simeon, "he had to carry something. I thought of a toy gun, but that didn't seem real appropriate. A Japanese umbrella wasn't exactly in season, seems though. A flag was about the only thing I could think of to have him hold. A flag is always kind of tasty, don't you think?"

"Oh, it's harmless," Ebenezer said; "harmless."

"No hustling business," Simeon pursued, "can be contented with just not doing something. It ain't enough not to have no Christmas. You've got to find something that'll express 'nothing and express it forcible. In business a minus sign," said Simeon, "is as good as a plus if you can keep it whirling round and round."

This Ebenezer mulled and chuckled over as he went on down the street. He wondered what the emporium would do to keep up with the exchange. But in the emporium window there was nothing save the usual mill end display for the winter white goods sale.

Ebenezer opened the store door and put his head in.

"Hey!" he shouted at Abel, back at the desk. "Can't you keep up with Simeon's window?"

Abel came down the aisle between the lengths of white stuff plaited into folds at either side. The fire had just been kindled in the store, and the air in the store was still frosty. Abel, in his overcoat, was blowing on his fingers.

"I ain't much of any heart to," said he, "but the night before Christmas I guess'll do about right for mine."

"What'll you put up?" Ebenezer asked, closing the door behind him.

"Well, sir," said Abel, "I ain't made up my mind full yet. But I'll be billblowed if I'm going to let Christmas go by without saying something about it in the window."

"Night before Christmas'll be too late to advertise anything," said Ebenezer. "If I was in trade," he said, closing his eyes, "I'd fill my window up with useful articles—caps and mittens and stockings and warm underwear and dishes and toothbrushes. And I'd say, 'Might as well afford these on what you saved out of Christmas.' You'd ought to get all the advertising you can out of any situation."

Abel shook his head.

"I ain't much on such," he said lightly, and then looked intently at Ebenezer. "Jenny's been buying quite a lot here for her Christmas," he said.

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Pig iron production in November was the lowest of any month since the decline in blast furnace operations set in early in 1913, says the Iron Trade Review. Output last month was 1,512,972 tons compared with 1,767,227 tons in October, a loss of 254,255 tons. The total for November was the smallest in 71 months, or since September, 1908.

The number of active furnaces showed a net loss of 12, making the total active on the last day of November 150 the fewest stacks blowing since May, 1904. Three stacks were blown in last month, one merchant and two steel furnaces. Fifteen were put out of blast, including 12 steel works furnaces and three merchant stacks.

The average daily production in November was 50,432 tons, compared with 57,007 tons in October a loss of 6,575 tons. Declining activity of steel works furnaces again proved to be the principal factor in the decline. Production of non-merchant furnaces in November was 1,057,717 tons, compared with 1,292,751 tons in October, a loss of 235,034 tons. In average daily output, these furnaces averaged 35,244 tons last month against 41,702 tons in October, a loss of 6,458 tons.

Production of merchant iron in November was 433,109 tons, compared with 455,068 tons in October, a loss of 21,581 tons. Average daily production in November was 14,150 tons, against 14,680 tons in October, a loss of 230 tons.

The production of ferro in November was 14,963 tons against 14,593 tons in October, a loss of 1,759 tons. Spiegel production last month was 10,293 tons, compared with 5,815 tons in October, a gain of 1,478 tons.

Several merchant furnaces are reported to be scheduled for relighting early this month due to the increase in sales of pig iron and this fact is believed to insure November being the low month in the decline. Cherry Valley furnace was relighted December 1.

Stacks blown in last month were: One Lorain National Tube Company; one Pottstown Bethlehem Steel Company and one Lock Ridge, Thomas Iron Company.

Furnaces blown out were: One Madeline Inland Steel Company, two Gary, Indiana Steel Company; one Central and one Schoenberger, American Steel & Wire Company; one Ohio, one Carrie and two Duquesne, Carnegie Steel Company; one Youngstown Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company; two of the Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron Company, one Iroquois, Iroquois Iron Company, and one Ensley, Tennessee Coal Iron & Railroad Company.

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J. Opperman	97	88	73	258
Payne	89	112	100	301
P. Opperman	97	121	119	337
Beck	115	132	118	365
Total	494	539	500	1533

FREIGHT.

Conlon	104	100	105	313
Lashner	84	88	105	274
Mullen	123	88	103	314
McGrath	90	99	96	285
F. Opperman	111	127	109	347
Total	513	502	518	1513

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Motive	21	3	.889
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—German silver cigarette cases, silver plated, 1.50 to $3 each.
—German silver match cases, 50c each
—Gold - filled Waldemar Chains, $1 and 1.50 each.
—Vest pocket knives: Gun metal, 50c each. Sterling silver, $1, 1.50; Gold plate, 1.50 each
—Safety razors—6 blades: Gillette, $5 and 6.50. Keen Kutter, $1.
—Ingersol Watches: Two sizes—$1 and 1.50.
—Thermos Bottles: nickel, different sizes and shapes—$2 to $5 each.
—Masso Shaving Brush: A new idea, in that it has a rubber tipped massage device for rubbing in the lather; and a good brush of light bristles. $1 each.

BOXED GIFTS

—Dress suspenders, some in burnt wood boxes, 50c and 75c.
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—Silk supporters, 25c and 50c.
—Belt and supporters, 75c.
—Supporters and arm bands, 50c.
—Silk tie, sox and 'kerchief $1 and $2.
—Silk arm bands, 25c pair.
—Belt, arm bands and supporters, $1.
—Silk sox and tie, 1.25.
—Interwoven sox, 2 pairs in a holiday box—silk, $1; Lisle, 50c.
—Mufflers: silk knit, 3.50; others, $1 and upward.

MEN'S GLOVES
—Dress Kid, black, gray or tan, unlined, silk or wool lined, $1 to $2.50 pair. Fur gloves, $3 to $5 pair.

OVERCOATS 8.95
—Prices were to 17.50 each

Lengths are 42 to 50 inches; collars are shawl-style or convertible. The textures are warm and all-wool, and the styles good, although not the newest this season. Plain, serviceable coats for constant wear, 8.95—were to 17.50.

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Special Values

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—Some with Slippers to Match

—large, medium and small sizes, in holiday gift boxes. New models, colorings and patterns, such as any man would choose himself. Warm, German-fleeced cotton, light or heavy weight, and $4 to $10 each.

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—Silver Military Sets;
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—Silver Manicure sets;
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—Silver photo frames;
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—Sewing baskets;
—Cushions—all kinds;
—Givable umbrellas.

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—No woman ever got too many pairs of silk hose at gift-time. Here, the variety is much larger than ever — and larger than elsewhere; and we were fortunate in getting all our imports—and some special value hose to sell for less than usual. Plain and clocked, black and colors, $1 to 3.50.

Hosiery, first floor.

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—Lyke-leather, 50c pair.

—Kayser silk gloves, 50 to 1.75 a pair.

—Children's mittens and gloves, 15c, 25c, 50c.

December 14th, Last Day To Order Engraved Christmas Cards.

Blankets and Quilts

—A splendid gift (either) for the folks at home. Many kinds here to choose from, and all at the right prices:
—Wool blankets, $5, $6 to $12.
—Cotton blankets, $1, 1.50 to $4
—Wool filled comforts, $5 to 10
—Laminated cotton comforts, silk, sateen and silkoline covered, 2.50, 3.50, $4, $5, to $10.

Lovely Linens

—Gift-seekers, with housewives in mind, need go no further, looking for the ideal gift. Linens are supreme!
—Modern hand work, on fine quality linen—lunch sets, napkins, decorative pieces, etc.

Children's Stockings

—Sturdy, dressy, best-wearing of any kind, these stockings with linen heels and toes, at 25c a pair. Four weights and weaves; sizes 5 to 11. Mercerized Lisle stockings, in black and colors, size 5 to 10, 25c a pair. And—good stockings for as little as 12½c a pair. Others to 35c pair

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Christmas Sale: Second Floor

Women's Dresses

—FASHIONABLE MODELS: SERGE AND SILK
—DRESSY MODELS FOR SHOPPING WEAR
—AND FOR CHURCH, PARTY AND THE LIKE
—A $35 CHURCH DRESS — REPRICED $25.00

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SERGE DRESSES		—SILK DRESSES	
$35.00 dresses ..now	$25.00	$35.00 dresses ..now	$25.00
25.00 dresses ..now	19.75	25.00 dresses ..now	19.75
18.00 dresses ..now	13.50	18.00 dresses ..now	13.50
15.00 dresses ..now	11.25	15.00 dresses ..now	11.25
12.00 dresses ..now	9.00	10.00 dresses ..now	7.50
10.00 dresses ..now	7.50	The dresses are on sale on the second floor. Price changes effective as you read.	
7.50 dresses ..now	5.63		
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SUITS UP TO $25.....14.95
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—SEE MYSTO Erector

DOLL BEDS
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24c
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—Other mechanical trains from Ive's up to 3.50 complete.
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—Games, many, many kinds, 35c, 50c, 75c and more.
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—Tables and chairs, 50c to $6 a set; desks and chairs, 2.50, $5, 7.50 and $10 each.